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TOM THE TATTLER!

RESUMES HIS WRITINGS AFTER A LONG VACATION.

LIVE TOPICS ABLY DISCUSSED!

The "Vapor City Tarantula" Given a Bunch of Fatherly Advice—The Coal Situation Touched Upon—A Mother-in-law Given Twenty Days.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—After basking in the quietude of a few months, once more do I take up my pen, and with it take a part in the world's activities. During this quietude of a few months my pen, I will admit, has gathered some rust and the ink in my bottle has thickened somewhat from innocuous desuetude, but I will try to do the best I can until these tools, so necessary to a writer get into their wonted shape. Besides this, when one has lain in quietude for a time it is next to an impossibility to shake the lethargy of that quietude all off at once. It takes time.

I hope The Freeman readers will not infer that I have been indolent entirely simply because I have allowed my pen and ink to go to ruin. On the contrary, I have been as active as ever excepting what I have just related of myself. That part of my anatomy reposing nearest to the sky (my brain I mean) has been as active as of yore. By means of the daily papers, the magazines and those other great repositories of information, books, I have kept abreast of the times.

The Tattler is a stern believer, and may be said to worship at the shrine of up-to-dateness. My motto is be up-to-date in all things and at all times. When the calendar registers a day, live that day; don't be bringing up an antiquated rear. Remember Roosevelt, a young, strenuous, up-to date man is President, and this is his administration; if you are not living in it, but are living, say for instance, in Grant't, what a dead one you are! How much you are in need of a decent burial!

In my weekly discussions I mean to be, as before, plainspoken, fearless and fair. I mean to uphold and praise where praise is due, but whenever I see ignorance, fakism, and quackery trying to usurp worthy places I mean to bombard it with the most powerful language at my command.

My discussions will not be confined to things theatrical alone, but will ramify themselves through things political, religious and general as well. As far as it is in my power I will pay some heed to the humorous side of things in this life, for

"A little humor now and then
Is relished by the best of men."

To begin with, let us praise God from whom all blessings flow.

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"THE VAPOR CITY TARANTULA."

Among the nonsense of the hour is that of a certain baritone singer, Fred. W. Johnson by name, who styles himself the "Vapor City Tarantula." In casting about for a stage name for himself, Mr. Johnson evidently thought he would discard the wornout epithets with which bass and baritone singers style themselves, and find one teeming with originality. But in trying to be original one can become nonsensical. A correspondent who had some good qualities about him was working for one of our dailies and he always tried to be original. His originality trespassed so much on the absurd that the editor told him to "stop trying to be original." If I had only known it in time I might have warned Mr. Johnson not to be original.

Just what there can be about a tarantula that a singer should choose it as a name, is more than I can see. Music, and especially song, is in the realm of the beautiful and as such ministers to our happiness. A tarantula is a most hideous thing, the bite of which is sure death. To any one acquainted with the nature of a tarantula the very mention of its name causes a shudder. Why? Because anything that is death dealing creates a sensation that is anything but pleasant. If I were in an audience and some one would announce a few selections by the "Vapor City Tarantula," that uncertain feeling would come over me that comes over one when in a museum he looks in the cage that contains snakes, lizards and such things. I suggest to Mr. Johnson that he at once discontinue the use of the name "Vapor City Tarantula," for if he does not he is setting a bad precedent. It would not be long until some bass singer, perhaps, would call himself the warbling centipede, or the singing scarpion, or the low-voiced lizard, or some other name equally as inconsistent and productive of shudder.

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I heard a man in speaking of the coal situation, say: "The coal trust is simply raising hell." If it will only raise hell high enough so we can get in a little of its warmth these cold days, a boon will be conferred on humanity.

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We are passing through a coal crisis. Dull indeed are we if glean nothing from these bitter experiences. There is no telling when another coal stringency like the present will take place, so let us establish coal banks by the side of our money banks. In the summer time a man can go to one bank and deposit his money, and to the other and deposit his coal. How pleasant it would make one feel, if, at present, we had coal banks where we could go and draw on his hard coal savings just as he does on his money when he needs it.

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The little germ is certainly being made to carry an awful load. The scientists tells that he now lurks in the oyster ready to hand out a few diseases. I wonder where the germ will show up next. He is an impertinent, mischievous little creature.

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No, it isn't always the best that wins in this world. The other night we quietly went to the deck with three large aces, and was horrified to find that four spades and a club was all we had to beat.

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Investigations are all right and we believe in them, but there are times when investigation loses part of its virtue. The various state legislatures are appointing committees to investigate the coal situation, and learn whether or not the coal barons are causing present scarcity of coal in order to send prices up and then flood the market with coal and thereby reap a financial harvest.

It is proverbial that legislatures and all their several functions move ponderously. By the time many of these investigations are made, reported and acted upon, those of us who do not freeze to death will be turning our thoughts towards picnics and other outdoor gatherings.

In times of famine investigations isn't what is wanted. How would you feel if you were so hungry you could eat a legislature and were to ask for food and some one would tell you he would investigate the cause of your hunger? Wouldn't you feel kindly toward him? This is the coal situation in a nut shell, so far as our law making bodies are concerned.

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Cheer up; don't give way to despair. There is some good in everything. Why even the weather can be nice at times.

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I suppose that Mascagni, the eminent composer, has found out to his sorrow that composing Cavallieria Rusticanas is one thing, and trouping in America is quite another.

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Some mothers rear their children on a formula of "don'ts" It is don't do this or don't do that continually. But in these "don'ts" there is almost none of the qualities of a mother's heart, or solicitude. In the rearing of children a perfunctory "don't" is about as effective as trying to wet a duck's back by pouring water on it. It goes in one of the child's ears and out the other, and the mother has only expended so much breath that might have been made good use of in cooling her broth.

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In beginning the new year remember the homely maxim: "It is not what you earn, but what you save, makes you wealthy." One man earns $5 00 a day, but spends daily $5.10; another earns $1.50 a day, but spends only $1.00 a day. At the end of the year which man has made the most financial progress?

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A mother-in-law in St. Paul was given a sentence of 20 days for using her fists on her son-in law. This is indeed remarkable. I always thought that all the harm a mother-in-law was capable of lay in her tongue.

TOM THE TATTLER.

Gave a Surprise Party.

Troy, O, Special—There was a surprise party given Sam. Jones of Ft Wayne, Ind., during his visit to his grandma, Mrs. Dan Jones. The Epworth League of the Richard's M. E church had very enjoyable exercises last Thursday evening There was a sleigh ride given Friday evening by members of the M. E. Sunday School.

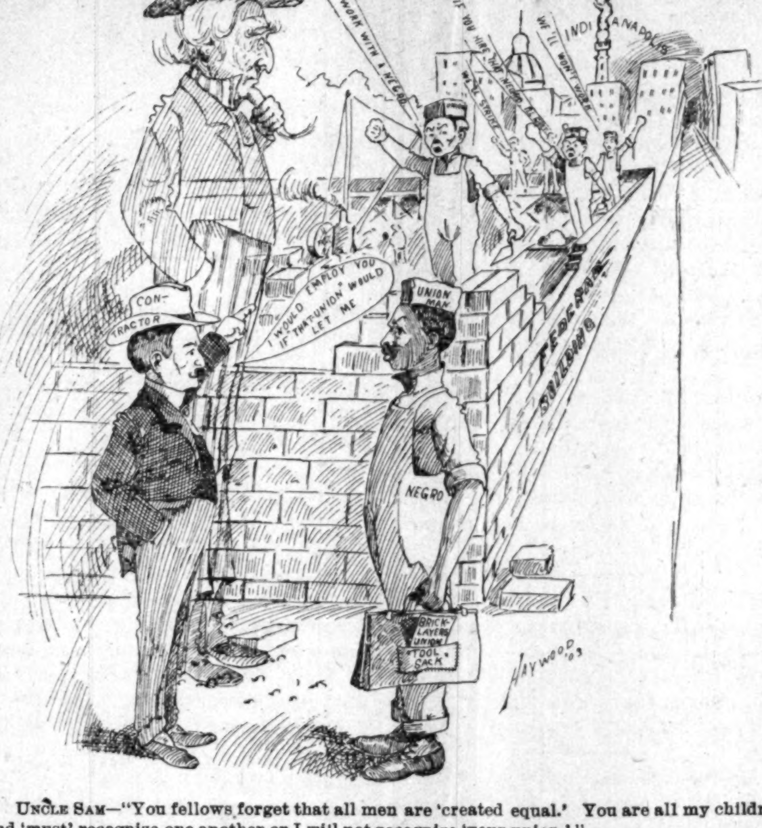
SCHOOLS ORGANIZE!

IN TEXAS FOR PROTECTION FROM UNDESIRABLE STUDENTS.

MANY COLLEGES IH FEDERATION!

Labor Union Showing Race Loyalty—Laborer who Falls from Six Story Building, Dies from his Injuries—Porters to Organize—Flashes.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Under the suggestion and solicitation of the principal of Houston academy, the heads of the various boarding schools in the state have entered into an agreement which seeks to put at an end the custom of certain students who are alleged to be working their way through school without putting up the price. Students who leave a school rather than to submit to proper discipline, or who leave without squaring their accounts, will hereafter find that they can not enter any of the allied schools. The agreement is signed by Wiley University, Marshall; Bishop College, Marshall; Houston Academy, Houston; Texas College, Tyler; Mary Allen Seminary, Crockett; Paul Quinn College,



UNCLE SAM—"You fellows forget that all men are 'created equal.' You are all my children and 'must' recognize one another or I will not recognize 'your union.'"

Waco; Tillotson College, Austin; Samuel Houston College, Austin. Guadalupe College and Prairie View Normal, also academies at Hearne and Waco have been invited into the federation.——Building Laborers I. P. Union, of this city, is doing that which breaks the barrier when it comes to being loyal. They now have a membership of 280 and their battle cry is "help your fellow man." They employ colored doctors, trade with colored merchants and is the only organized body that has stood by Negro undertakers. A 9 pound boy has full charge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner. Ogie Reid is in the Panther City. Mrs. R. E. Carpenter is at home after a visit of a few weeks in Belton with relatives. Miss Florence Dyson, of the Territory, is visiting in the city. Will Simmons and Mrs. Myra Moore have recovered from their recent illness. How about this city having a number of mother's clubs. It would be a great help in school work. Mrs. Dan James is visiting in St. Louis. Charles Cooper, Dago John, Jim Davis and George Austin have formed a Freeman reading club. John Terry, one of the laborers on the Wilson building, died from injuries received by falling from the sixth floor. He was a member of the B. L. I. P. Union which had charge of the funeral. Dr. A. J. Burns, who was ground to pieces last Sunday morning by a passenger train, was one of the pioneer citizens of Dallas. P. W. Walker, who dropped dead Sunday morning, was buried by the saloon porters and their many friends. Messrs. Sanford, Hardy, Manson and others made up $51 90 to defray expenses, and donated the bereaved family a small sum. There is now a movement on foot to organize a Porters' club, to include porters of every description. Mrs. Eliza McMillen left for Shreveport, La., on Monday for future residence. Col. Wm. Britton tendered a number of his friends a chitterling supper on Tuesday night at his residence, 110 Fanta Fee street, which was a most enjoyable affair. Mrs. Gilmore accompanied the remains of her son to Calvert for burial this week. Mrs. Susie Flowers returned home from Texarkana on last Thursday. Mrs. Mary Woods served a small party of friends Wednesday evening, at her home, Akarod and Hughes streets. A number of colored porters were appointed in the Capital City this week. The boys dormitory of Paul Quinn College, Waco, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. If you wish to find your lost relatives, put an ad. in The Freeman. Charles Bowen spent several days in the city. Mrs. Ella Willis is convalescing.

Nuggets New and Novel.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Mrs. John Prebbles died at her home in Franklin street last Saturday morning. She was buried Tuesday afternoon. Henry McPherson was buried Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Anna Lawson, of Ypsilanti, who has been visiting her sister, returned home last Monday. Mrs. Davis, of Ypsilanti, has been holding revival meetings at the A. M. E. church. The Ladies' Home Circle met last week at the home of Mrs. Gilbert. A fine program was rendered and a lunch was served by the hostess. Mrs. Maggie Taylor met with a painful accident last week by running a nail in her foot. Misses Anna and Lulu Williams, of Parma and Detroit, were in the city Sunday. Andrew Williams, of Parma, was in the city Sunday. T. Jones is on the sick list. Miss Cornelius Presser, of Saginaw, who has been guest of Miss Bessie Powers, returned home Monday. Billie Harris has returned to the city. Anyone desiring The Freeman will please call on our agent, Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.

Social and General News.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Mr. Stoval has gone to Shawnee, Okla. J. A. McDowell, a Pullman car porter, is stopping at the McLaird cafe. E. W. Lockhearst, editor of the Hot Springs Echo, spent a few days in our city. Miss Josie Bell was quietly married last week to Willie Wilkins. Sir J. J. Johnson left last week to set up new lodges of his order.

WELCOME MINERS!

THE NATIONAL MINE WORKERS ARE AGAIN OUR GUESTS.

THE FREEMAN'S LIBERAL OFFER!

Gratifying Results from the Negro's Relation with the Great Union—Their Rapid Growth Numerically is Pleasing in the Extreme.

Again it is our pleasure to welcome the National Mine Workers of America within our gates More than usual interest is felt by The Freeman in the colored contingency of this great and powerful organization. The rapidity in the growth of their numbers, together with their very liberal support to the paper, warrants the management in the setting aside, as their individual space, two columns each week to be used for and by colored miners of America.

Having a paper that has already attracted the attention and admiration of the world as the only departmentally constructed Negro journal ever placed before the people, we feel that we do our paper high honor by placing two columns each week to the use of these gallant sons of toil.

It is our purpose to further make know herein that communications pertinent to mines and miners addressed to the editor of Mining department, care of the Indianapolis Freeman, will be duly published. We solicit agents among you in all sections, and will give those who care to write for terms, liberal inducements. It is left entirely with the miners whether or not their department is to thrive and prosper. Let us all pull together. The "Hotel Waiter" is a success; the "Stage" is a success, why not make the Miners, with their vast numbers, the greatest of all departmental successes in The Freeman?

PROGRESSING WITH NEW CHURCH

Negro Policeman Discharged for Getting Drunk on Duty—Notes.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—Rev. Brown and members are progressing with their new church. The foundation has been completed. When completed this will be a beautiful church with a basement. The members should put their shoulders to the wheel and not lose out, as it has already been predicted that the church would never be completed. The marriage of Charles Gardner has left a great many girls in sorrow. One of the white papers last week, in speaking of the recent trouble, put all Negroes in the same class. In other words, it inferred that all Negroes were alike. Just as long as Negroes discriminate against race papers and patronize white journals, they may expect such treatment from their hands. Mrs. Lula F. Boyd, of St. Louis, is the guest of Mrs. Smith, 310 Railroad avenue. One of the old colored policemen, George Wooden, was discharged last week for being drunk on duty. The excursion to Paducah on Feb. 10th, $1 for the round trip, promises to be a swell affair. Let us make it a hummer. Miss Gertrude Green, of Ullin, Ill., was a guest of Miss Vista Boaz, 4004 Sycamore street. Mrs. Maria Milner, of Jackson, Tenn., is the guest of her sister, Mrs Douglass. Edward Green, of Springfield, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, installed the officers of the local lodge on the 15th. An enjoyable time was had by all. Miss Zalia Kats is the guest of Miss N. Moss, in Douglass street. Mrs. Abe Peoples died at her home in Commercial avenue last week after an illness of several months. Mr. Peoples has the sympathy of a host of friends in his great bereavement. Mrs. Millie Kirkpatrick gave a surprise party last week in honor of her daughter, Miss Minnie May. Quite a number of young ladies were in attendance. A large number of Cairo citizens attended the K. of P. installation and banquet at Beechwood on the 16th. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all. The installation of Moma Temple No 6, S. M. T., took place on the 6th at the U. B. F. hall. Mrs. Lena Scott, of New Madrid, Mo., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Earl Gilbert, in Twenty fifth street. Miss Minnie Mitchell entertained a number of friends at her home on last Saturday evening. Music and games were the features. A choice luncheon was served, after which the band played "Home Sweet Home."

FUTRELL CITY NOTES.

Two of our society bells will be married in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson enjoyed the company of the little folks last Sunday. The church not being ready, Sabbath school was held at their residence.

Lena Magdalene Blakey.

The subject of this sketch, whose portrait is presented herewith, is Lena Magdalene Blakey, the educator, poetess, famous colored beauty and the most celebrated colored girl in the country, whose poem, "Wha Shall the Harvest be," published exclusively in the Christmas Freeman, has brought forth universal comment. Miss Blakey is a native Tennesseean and is widely known

throughout the South, where she has gained distinction in noted seminaries and prize beauty contests as the colored Cleopatra. Her grace and beauty, coupled with her accomplishments and her interest in public affairs, especially the race's progress, has made her a conspicuous figure in the public eye. Critics have marveled at her beauty and declare her to be the real "Maiden with the dreamy eyes," featured in the song.

Notable, Newsy Nuggets.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Revival services were begun at the A. M. E. church this week. Sunday was temperance day at all the churches. Services were held at 3 o'clock, conducted by a local temperance worker. Mrs. Ray is ill at her home. Messrs. Atkins and Montgomery, of Anderson, spent Sunday in the city, guests of Dr. J. Norrel, in E. Jackson street. Mr. Williams, of Anderson, spent Sunday in the city. Mr. Allen is able to be out after a severe illness. James Lucas has accepted the position of Janitor of the High Street M. E. church. This is one of the largest churches in the city.

General Happennings.

Lebanon, Ky., Special.—Mrs. Mary Reynolds and daughter entertained a number of friends at dinner on the 17th inst., among whom were: Prof. K. Smith and wife, Ben Trick and wife, Mrs. Anna Ray, of Louisville; Mrs. Bert Smith, C. Cooper and wife, of Belltown; E. G. Lamb and wife, I. Booker, Mrs. Emma Irvin and Rev. T. A. Brown and wife. There was an oyster supper given at the parsonage of the Zion church last Saturday night for the benefit of the trustees. It was quite an enjoyable affair. Prof. K. Smith and T. B. Redick, committe on music, together with Rev. Dr. Brown and wife, have arranged to have song service at the A. M. E. Zion church every Sunday night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

News Personal and General.

McKeesport, Pa., Special.—Mrs. Charles McCard was in Pittsburg last week visiting friends. Miss Marina Jefferies was a guest of Miss Florence Marsh last week. Mrs James Blackwell is ill at her home. Rev. T. Harris, of Newport News, preached at Bethlehem Baptist church last Sunday. Mrs. Mary Davis, of Oil City, is visiting her children in the city. Frank Sanders visited friends in Glasport last week. Miss Ada Brow is able to be out again. Mrs. David Smith and Mrs. Virginia Smith are on the sick list. Mesdames S. P. Marshall and Charles McCard attended a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Galloway, of Allegheny, last week.

AH otel Romance.

The Crusing of a Masher---

By W. FORREST COZART.

H. P. Ware had just finished a course in law at one of Chicago's best law schools and had gone to Waukesha for a summer's recreation. While at school Mr. Ware had also taken a course in shorthand and had pretty well mastered what is known as the "corresponding course."

A few weeks before leaving school Mr. Ware was perusing his shorthand magazine when he ran across the following bit of information: "Any subscriber of this magazine who wishes correspondence in shorthand, can have their names and addresses inserted free." Thinking he might become lonely at at Waukesha, and too, that he might have much fun out of such unique correspondence, he at once sent his name and address to the magazine with a request that it be published in the "Wanted correspondence column," and at the same time he had his magazine changed from Chicago to Waukesha.

Just one week after school had closed Mr. Ware found himself comfortably seated in a parlor car reading a Chicago paper with Waukesha as his objective.

Mr. Ware had now been at the resort about two weeks and everything and everybody had been made miserable by steady down pour of rain, and had it not been for the numerous answers he had received from his ad. in the shorthand magazine, he, no doubt, would have returned to Chicago. Alas the proverbial sunshine came after the storm and with it came a hord of visitors to Wisconsin's famous resort. One among the many letters received by Mr. Ware to his ad. was the following:

PEORIA, ILL., July 5, '02.

MR H P. WARE:

DEAR SIR:—Being a subscriber to the Shorthand Magazine and having seen your name and address, soliciting correspondence in shorthand, I take this opportunity to answer same. I am also a beginner in shorthand and will be pleased to open correspondence with you for sake of practice

I am respectfully yours,

ORA GOETHE

Some how the above letter had a peculiar effect upon Mr. Ware, consequently he hastened to answer. In course of three weeks several letters had passed between them, and Mr. Ware had gone so far as to request his correspondent to send him a photograph, in answer to which he was told that his correspondent would be delighted to comply with his request, but was sorry to say that the last picture had just been given away, therefore, will give you a pen picture of myself: "I was born in Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 20, 1880; I am 5 feet and 6 inches in height and weigh 125 pounds; have light brown eyes and owing to the color of my hair my girl friends call me 'Blondie' I have also a prominent mole on my left cheek which adds to my personal beauty."

"An ideal girl," said Mr Ware, after reading the above description, all of which was written in shorthand. Mr Ware folded the letter carefully, leaned his right elbow on the corner of the table and gazed out of the window upon the beautiful park which so picturesquely surrounded the hotel. Thus he sat motionless fully ten minutes engaged in a deep thought and entirely unconscious of his surroundings. The season now was in full bloom and the weekly hops and other social functions were sources of much delight to the many guests.

Mr. Ware had now become well acquainted with the place and made several friends among both sexes at the hotel, but still the vivid picture of the Peoria "Blondi," like Banquo's ghost, would not down. There seemed to be magnetism in her name, and now she was coming to Waukesha accompanied by a married sister—how pleasant, how delightful, thought Mr. Ware; and he read and re-read the letter over and over several times, then remarked: "Now let me see, July 28th, why she will arrive in time for the weekly hop." Mr. Ware was much pleased at the turn in affairs and proceeded to inform his newly made friends around the hotel that a lady friend of his would soon pay a visit to the resort accompanied by a married sister. Mr. Ware requested his "lady friend" to wire him their departure so he could meet them on their arrival.

On the morning of July 28th Mr. Ware was up bright and early, although his friends were not expected before 4:30 p m. At breakfast he arranged with the headwaiter for a four chair table in a cozy corner, and he cinched the deal by placing a crisp five spot in the "mit" of the generalisimore of the dining room. Flowers had been ordered from the florist, and all other necessary arrangements made to entertain "Blondi" in royal style.

At 3 p m Mr. Ware received the anticipated telegram saying, "I will arrive at 4:30 p m, via. St. P. & M Ry., signed "Ora." Promptly at 4:30 Mr. Ware was at the depot with a special carriage awaiting his friends, but when the train arrived, failed to see any of them, although he had very closely scrutinized every passenger as they alighted from the train. Mr. Ware returned to the hotel very much disappointed, and after spending a very few minutes in the office, where he had informed the clerk of his disappointment, he returned to his room, leaving instructions that if a telegram came for him to send it up at once.

Entering his room he flung himself in the nearest chair and begun to try and figure out why Ora did not come according to information sent by wire. He was suddenly interrupted by a knock upon the door, which brought him instantly, and as he opened the door, a bell boy held out a silver tray to him upon which lay a card with the following inscription: "Ora Goethe, Peoria, Ill." "Ah! just as I thought!" exclaimed Mr. Ware, 'came via. Northwestern—where are they?" "In the parlor," replied the bell boy. "All right, I'll be right down," closing the door with a bang and hastily arranging his toilet, he hurried down stairs to meet the girl he had learned to love, though he had never seen her.

On reaching the parlor he gave a few quick glances but failed to see any ladies he turned to leave and was face to face with a read-headed German, who broke the silence by saying, 'Pardon me, but is this Mr. Ware?" "Yes," was the answer. 'Well I am Ora Goethe," said Blondi

The above information came as a flash of lighting out of a clear sky, the bolt of which penetrated Mr. Ware's nerves and he threw himself upon the sofa a much disappointed man.

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY

Curly Hair Made Straight By

TAKEN FROM LIFE: BEFORE AND AFTER TREATMENT

ORIGINAL

OZONIZED OX MARROW

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This wonderful hair pomade is the only safe preparation in the world that makes kinky or curly hair straight as shown above. It nourishes the scalp and prevents the hair from falling out or breaking off, cures dandruff and makes the hair grow long and silky. Sold over forty years and used by thousands. Warranted harmless. Testimonials free on request. It was the first preparation ever sold for straightening kinky hair. Beware of imitations. Get the **Original Ozonized Ox Marrow** as the genuine never fails to keep the hair straight, soft and beautiful. A toilet necessity for ladies, gentlemen and children. Elegantly perfumed. The great advantage of this wonderful pomade is that by its use you can straighten your own hair at home. Owing to its superior and lasting qualities it is the best and most economical. It is not possible for anybody to produce a preparation equal to it. Full directions with every bottle. Only **50** cents. Sold by druggists and dealers or send us **50** cents for one bottle or **$1.40** for three bottles. We pay all express charges. Send postal or express money order. Write your name and address plainly to

OZONIZED OX MARROW CO.,
76 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

THE WAITER....

Bloomington, Ill.—Dear Sir: Mr. Editor, please find room in your paper for a few lines our city in regards to hotel life. We had a new hotel to open here called The Illinois, the headwaiter, William E. Parker who opened the house Dec 5, has resigned the Pasizion, he was succeeded by C. H. Barton who was with John B Goins at the New West Baden Hotel as second waiter. Mr. Barton has proven himself to be a mark from the West and we all wish him much success with The Illinois.

Yours truly. AGENCE

Mr. Edward B. Irving of 68 Lafayette street, Albany, N. Y., formerly headwaiter at the Kenmore and Teneyck hotels, died in that city recently. Mr. Irving was one of the old reliables, and well known headwaiters of the East He was also a race man and was identified with everything pertaining to the advancement of the race He was a very prominent member of the F. & A. M, and Knight Templars, also G. U O. of O F.

Fred Allen of New York, will again be headwaiter at the Royal Poinciana Hotel, Palm Beach, Fla, this season. Mr Allen is one of the best Eastern headwaiters and is very popular at the Poinciana

E T. Montgomery, formerly headwaiter at The Beach hotel, Chicago Oriental, Dallas, Tex, and chief headwaiter for the Bailey Catering Co, Pan-American Exposition. Buffalo, N. Y., is now headwaiter at the Park hotel, Hot Springs, Ark, where he anticipates a successful season. The Park has been remodeled and is in the hands of Mr. J. R. Hayes, proprietor of the Wayne hotel, Detroit, Mich. Mr. Hayes is considered one of the best resort managers in the business and will nodoubt make the Park the leading hotel of Hot Springs. Mr. Montgomery is one of the best headwaiters in this country and we are pleased to see him in charge at the Park as some very poor headwaiters has been employed there heretofore, which has been a set back to the profession.

John B. Goins, author "The American Colored Waiter," is one of the few headwaiters who demands respects from all his room and not let cheap white help dictate as to how he should run his business. therefore he has resigned from the Millard hotel, Omaha, Neb. Good boy. When a headwaiter reaches the place where he submits to the dictations of the chef, housekeeper, chief clerk and every other white employe around the hotel, to say nothing of the old ace waiters, guests, proprietors, managers and their wives, sons, daughters and other relatives and friends; Verily I say he has reached the jumping off place and if he don't jump he should be pushed and that quick.

The latest hotel handbook is entitled "The American Colored Waiter," by John B. Goins. It is a clever little pocket volume, handsomely bound, which gives a very large amount of information that should be of great value to every waiter. It covers almost every subject you can think of—from the correct way to dress, to the serving of the different champagnes. After some preliminary information, the work takes up each meal in succession and gives good, clear directions for the serving of customers, with special instructions for different articles. Following this are sections devoted to describing the service for parties, service to rooms, service of banquet parties, picnic parties, etc., the proper handling of wines, etc., etc. The price of the book is only $1. Address The Caterer Publishing Co., 23 Park Row, New York, N. Y. We would suggest that this is a work that every American plan headwaiter should advise his men to buy both in their interest and for the benefit of the house.—From the Caterer, New York City.

Thomas W. Price is the efficient and affiable second waiter at The Park hotel, Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Price was formerly second waiter at the Beach hotel, Chicago and later headwaiter at the Vendome hotel in that city, which he resigned to accept second waiter's position under his old friend, Montgomery at the Park. Mr. Price formerly lived in Hot Springs where he is quite popular.

Thomas H. Buckingham is one of the leading caterers and business men of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Buckingham conducts the Warldof Hotel at 437 Druid Hill avenue, the finest hotelry in the city open to colored people. Mr. Buckingham is an ex-sleeping car porter and waiter. He has several thousand dollars invested in the Warldof. Here is a lesson for the average porter and waiter.

Our old friend Gilbert Burnett, seems to think pretty well of himself, when he classes himself along with Booker T. Washington and Frank P. Thompson, and speaks of the trio as: "Three hearts beats as one." We fail to see how Washington could be placed in such a group.

When the colored headwaiter assumes a little more dignity and manhood, he will then receive the proper respect which is due him. But there are too many men (?) who will submit to any kind of treatment from anybody just to be called headwaiter.

The colored sidewaiter has done much and is still doing much to improve his condition, and still there seems to be urgent need of united actions along this line, as the white waiters are out scalping them, at every opportunity.

Mr. Reed the new installed headwaiter at the Windermere, Chicago, is giving general satisfaction and predict much success for him at the Windermere Mr. Reed was formerly second waiter at the Windermere under Mr. Long.

H. Yarbor, a well-known headwaiter of many years standing, is headwaiter at The Caddo, Shreveport, La. It has been sometime since we have heard of you "Yarb," so we will give you a hearty handshake.

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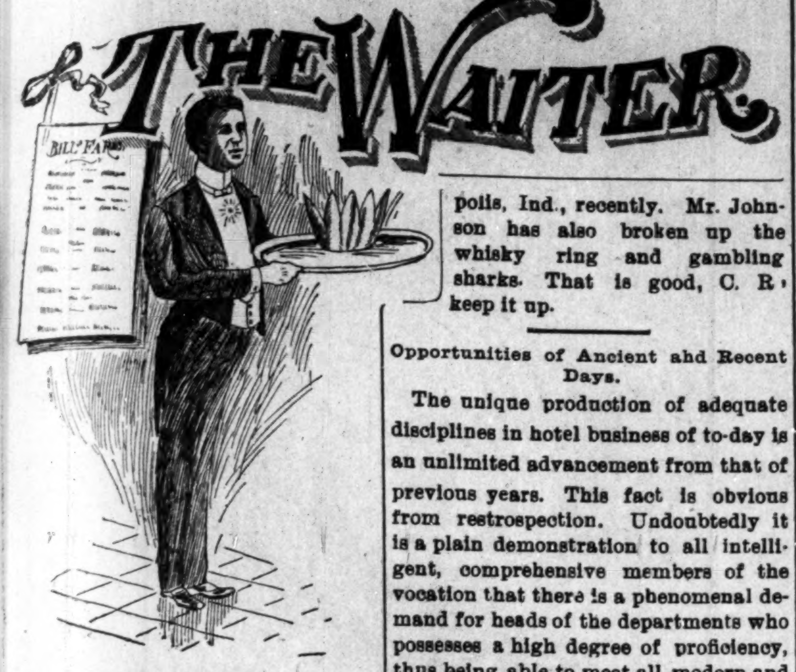

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Bert DeVault, who has been stewart at the Hot Wells hotel, San Antonio, Texas, for the past year, made a hasty departure from thereabouts recently, and now several of the waiters are rejoicing because he has gone.

George Stewart, who has been second waiter at the Hot Wells hotel, San Antonio, Texas, for the past six months, has resigned and is now residing in Dallas, Texas.

W. Forrest Cozart, headwaiter at the Hotel Fey, Peoria, Ill., writes that he will serve a banquet of five hundred at the Coliseum hall in that city on Washington's birthday, February 22.

C. R. Johnson has made a hit at the Plaza hotel, Danville, Ill., where he succeeded Charles Jackson of Indianapolis, Ind., recently. Mr. Johnson has also broken up the whisky ring and gambling sharks. That is good, C. R.; keep it up.

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I call your attention to other essential facts that are worth consideration. In past years the colored man had comparatively no adversaries, the employers were not an antagonist to them, their opportunities were unlimited and they covered the field in almost every vicinity. Many progressive members of the ancient class seized the advantage of these prodigious opportunities and soon gained a wide reputation as a headwaiter. In those days much honor was bestowed upon one so situated; his position was pleasurable to him. Late years have brought about a considerable change along that line. Many headwaiters of to-day are merely chair-pilots. How many of them have full charge of their dining room and staff? Due recognition is almost a thing of the past. Many headwaiters must be infinitely submissive to hold their position. We regret that a number of the old veterans have past away. Those that we now find in the field are a credit to their profession and race. Why should we not be exceedingly proud of them? The aspiring, progressive headwaiter of to-day will find a vast difference in his capacity when compared. Experience and observation will early inform him that the general environments and element of his attitude will place him up against a strong proposition, and he will immediately see that fame in his walk of life have been elevated beyond reach of the ordinary man. It is a noticeable and prejudicial fact that the colored head and side waiters' positions are rapidly being filled by male and females of the white race. It is also a common occurence for a white headwaiter to be engaged to preside over a colored crew. Of late years antagonism has strongly developed against the colored waiters, and an immense number of other obstacles form against them, which invite the deepest consideration of every true lover of his profession and race. It is time for each and every individual to analize his predicament and produce efforts for the betterment of conditions in this world of competition. We must undoubtedly change our walk of life as we endeavor to advance in our profession. To place ourselves in demand we must be intelligent, learn our profession from technical points, discard all uncreditable habits, keep neat in our attire, learn to live more economical, utilize our earnings and ability, seize advantage of every profitable opportunity, avoid strikes; we must harmonize and be more loyal to our co-partners and leaders, get in unity, memorize our experience and observation as we advance through life. Until we adhere to the above characters our opportunities will rapidly grow infinite and small. Remember the worst man often gives the best advice, and he that can take practical advice is sometimes superior to he who can give it.

W. E. TUCKER.

Second Waiter Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

Hotel Notes from Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Editor—It has been some time since you received any news items from me, but it is not because I have not read The Freeman. As a hotel man I always glance over the "Waiters' Department" to see if there is anything doing, and my attention was attracted by the "ad" inserted in the Hotel World by Mr. H. Williams, headwaiter of the Cadillac hotel, Detroit, Mich. I will say, in defense of Mr. Williams, that I believe he had nothing to do with the "ad" at all simply because he has no jurisdiction as a headwaiter, and there are more than one waiter at the Cadillac that Mr. Williams cannot discharge, no matter what the offense may be. There has been some of the best second waiters in the country who tried to assist Williams, and he did not support them. They not only stood erect, but were fine specimens of the Negro race, were not black, not booze grafters, not as tall as Goliath and not as old as Mathusalah. Williams knew it to be a fact that there were men in his dining room that did not speak to his second, least obey him. It seems the forty years of freedom Mr. Williams has enjoyed has not netted him very much. We hope when Williams has occasion to advertise for another second man he will, if possible, use common sense.

OSCAR EDLAND.

Mr. William Parker, the headwaiter at the new Illinois Club, Bloomington, Ill., is getting along well. He has a crew of sixteen boys well trained. Mr. Parker feels at home because he was headwaiter at the same place about fifteen years or more ago. Mr. Parker has handled over three hundred people a day since the house opened, and the people who go there say they get first class service, and for the good of the colored waiters we hope it to remain so.

The waiter who works in the dining room five ten to years and never learn what "caviar" is, or can't tell whether white wine or claret, should be served first, nor can't tell a white wine glass from a claret glass, is a very poor "actor," and are only equaled by other waiters who waits on table for twenty years, where he hears rich flow of correct English, still use old gibbish words, such as "dat," "dis," etc., etc.

Frank C. Long, who has been headwaiter at the Windermere hotel, Chicago, Ill., has succeeded A. Moorhead (white) as headwaiter at the new Gayoso hotel, Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Long was formerly headwaiter at the Colonial, Cleveland, O., and the Millard, Omaha, Neb., where he remained nearly four years. We wish to congratulate Mr. Long, and wish him much success. Mr. Long was succeeded at the Windermere, Chicago, by his second waiter.

If there were not so many incompetent, would-be headwaiters, who accept a position at any old price, and then submit to the cuffs, calls and insults of every white face around the hotel, allowing them to dictate as to how the dining room should be run, a competent and self-respecting headwaiter would stand a better chance of getting a decent position and more respectful treatment; but, as it stands now, a good man stands a poor show if he attempts to assert his prerogatives.

Daniel Reed has succeeded F. C. Long as headwaiter at the Windermere, Chicago. Mr. Reed was second waiter under Mr. Long, and received the promotion when Mr Long went to the Gayoso, Memphis, Tenn. Mr. H. Priggs, is now second waiter under Mr. Reed. Ace Johnson and Isaac Tolbert of the Windermere crew are "laid up for repairs," suffering from la grippe. Robt. Burrell is with this crew again.

Rev. M. F. Fulford is headwaiter at the Hotel Clarendon, Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Fulford is one of the rising young men of Memphis, and is destined to make his mark. His crew is composed of able and intelligent waiters, among whom are W. P. Holoway, W. M. Boyd, O. J. Jones, Alex. Morgan, W. C. Chandler, R. B. Bibbe, Ed Stovall, Henry Jenkins, J. A. Shepard, D. W. Strong, A. Clay and B. E. Davenport.

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The waiters of the McLure house, Wheeling, W. Va., under Robert H. Grant, headwaiter, were kindly remembered Christmas by the proprietors, Mr. Harry McLure, one of the proprietors and also one of the popular men of Wheeling, is a candidate for mayor of that city.

Some time ago we stated that something was going to drop in one of the Memphis, Tenn., hotels, and the expected has happened at the Gayoso. Like fat political offices, the dark horse has won, and still it is not as bad as it might have been.

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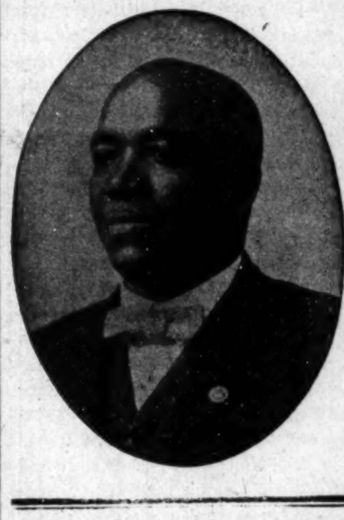

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THE GOSPEL OF LABOR.

It is a pleasure to labor and possess. One can scarcely think of one without the other; laboring and possessing. There is no joy in the mere physical or intellectual action. We are never confronted by such a condition, nor can the statement rise to the dignity of a proposition. To spend one's mental and physical energies without compensation means that they are spent for the advancement of others—enslavement—a condition not conducive to a happy frame of mind. The two ideas are not to be disassociated; they are inseparable. The anticipated result of labor by some kind of psychological laws reaches back over the mere performance, relieving it of its arduousness. The law of mind over matter is in full force here, and brawn, and even intellect itself are subjects to some higher spiritual power that renders labor a pleasure when the anticipated prize is great enough. That rewards are the stimuli, the motives in shoving labor up to the plane of pleasure, "screwing it up to the sticking point," will not destroy the contention. These rewards make labor in itself a pleasure; the influence is felt directly on the labor, modifying the grinding force of its toil and moil. The pleasure results from the conditions, but it is pleasure none the less.

To labor is as instinctive in man as in the ant or bee and we do not agree with "Case and Comment" of the Indianapolis News, which says, in substance, that man would lapse into barbarity if it were not for the pressure brought to bear on him in the interest of existence in old age, etc. Man rejoices in his brawn and intellect; he has struggled up from the agricultural stage with his face fixed in God's face—ever upwards and by no sign nor hint do we find him slinking backwards. He is a progressionist per se and not a retrogressionist. Whips and spurs are not the incentives to achievements—man glories in conquest, if but over the barren fields. When man does not joy in his faculties and forces it is because he thinks them misemployed.

Men of vast fortunes are often found bound down at their desks from sun to sun, so to speak. The evils of an untoward day do not threaten them; they, it will be presumed ,follow but the chart of destiny mapped out from the beginning and in accordance to their instinctive endowment. Idleness would kill.

Because man revolts at certain kinds of labor it will not destroy the contention. If he could choose always he would select such parts as would destroy the autonomy or the harmony of the industrial world, but it would be labor none the less, the vigor of the rule remains. Men recoil from labor which their instinctive sense teaches is an inexorable toil on their vitality, labor answered with blood; it embraces the mastership idea which all men seek to distance. The perfect day is when one is the direct recipient of remunerative toil, the successful director of his own mental and physical energies.

GOVERNOR HEYWOOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Governor-elect D. C. Heywood of South Carolina has views on the race question, and he is not timid in expressing them. As a governor, and especially in a State like South Carolina, where the race question is foremost, what he has to say will be most carefully considered. He is held to be conservative, and his views do not do too great violence to that notion. His views, however, as appeared in the newspapers of the country, this week, are not strictly conservative. In the first place he seeks to put the present President at a disadvantage by contrasting his political actions as they concern the appointment of colored men with those of his immediate predecessor, the late lamented McKinley, the inference being that President Roosevelt is stirring up political enmity in the South where it was being allayed heretofore. The fact of the whole business is that President McKinley placed more Negroes in first class positions than any of his predecessors. He made innovations that surprised the Negroes themselves by sending them as representatives to governments by the whites and not, as the custom had been, to send them to Liberia, Hayti and other countries of the dark races. It was under McKinley that Greener, of New York, went to Vladovistok, Russia, Furniss of Indiana to Bahia, South America; John R. Lynch was made paymaster in the army, captains and lieutenants were created galore as well as higher officers. The present incumbent has had no such opportunities. As it concerns the South particularly McKinley's appointments were numerous and attended with the same friction now noted anent the Roosevelt appointments. The McKinley administration had its Baker—its postoffice difficulty and Roosevelt's has its Mrs. Minnie M. Cox, an appointment not his own, but a legacy of other days. The President has not shown undue zeal in the Negroes' behalf. In fact his actions toward them are deserving the highest commendation by the sane saving forces of the country.

The President and Cabinet are standing up for Mrs. Minnie M. Cox, postmistress of the Indianola, Miss., postoffice. Owing to the everlasting race question the path of Mr. Roosevelt is made very difficult. As the case appears before the public he had but the one thing to do in the matter, and that was to be the president of Mrs. Minnie M. Cox as well as of the other people.

The woman had served successfully through two previous administrations, Harrison's and McKinley's, giving satisfaction, and strange to say at this late day she right suddenly becomes so obnoxious that she is compelled to seek safety in flight.

The incident, unusual as it seems, will not be considered as an indication of increasing racial unrest, and yet it may point to that very thing. It will be a travesty on our government if its appointees suffer because they happen to be of a different color—the accident of birth. The government could scarcely be expected to bend to the people—the minority at any rate—as a matter of authority, reinforced by right.

It is said that the President in his policy is courting defeat. Just what his ambitions are along that line, presidential succession, has not been given out, but if being President of the whole people means defeat it is hoped that he will rise to the dignity of the occasion. Admittedly such questions are dangerous from a political standpoint, but some administration must take the bull by the horns. If it be that of Mr. Roosevelt's it should only be attributed to the times in which he lives and rules as was the case of Abraham Lincoln and not to conditions that either brought about or even influenced further than that resulting from official actions in pursuance of duty. We are not mouthing Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy, but if he is not to succeed himself we trust the hindering motive will not be charged up to the color question, for in this he has but shown some little evidence of his appreciation of the colored people as a part of the general mass.

The time has not arrived yet for the Negroes to leave this country for Africa, Hawaii, Philippines or Porto Rico. The Negroes have not seen any Moses, black or white, that they will follow. Let the Negro pulpits thunder against this chimerical scheme gotten up by black and white men to get the Negroes out of this country. Rest assured that there are only two places to which the Negroes are going after they leave America—two-thirds of them to heaven and the other third to hell. This will be the only solution to this problem.—The Progress, Omaha, Neb.

Right easy, brother, right easy; one would suspect you of a case of personal grievance, There is no reason why Negroes should not scatter if it is to their interest, but they should do it on their own account and in their own way. They are not going to be carted off, nor flimflammed like the Acadians if they know it. We do injustice to ourselves to speak so disparagingly of other countries and their possibilities. They may prove the panacea for the ills endured, and it is but common sense to seek an outlet that promises a remedy; like those who sought this country. Plymouth Rock stands for something, also the land of Penn, Roger Williams and his Providence, the Trekmen in the Transvaal, all of these are the personified spirits of men who resented the heel of oppression. But they were not like dumb cattle driven; they were heroes in the strife.

It has been formerly announced that Rev. Ernest Lyons, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., is the successful candidate for the Liberian mission. Rev. Lyons is a prominent member of the A. M. E. Zion church. He has long been identified with the politics of his State. He is known for his scholarship, said to be quite a linguist, and at this time is president of a new industrial movement of his State.

W. J. Campbell, the noted colored miner of Kentucky, was in the city this week attending the 14th annual session of the United Mine Workers of America.

At Boston, Mass., the president appointed William H. Lewis, a colored lawyer, Assistant United States District Attorney. A colored man was also appointed to a like position at Indianapolis, Ind. Now, what will the New York Herald and New Orleans Picayune say?—Dallas (Tex) Express.

The intelligence concerning the Indianapolis appointment is startling. Hadn't heard a thing about it. Hope it is true.

According to program Senator Chas. W. Fairbanks was chosen as his own successor to the United States Senate by the Indiana Legislature last Tuesday. Mr. Fairbanks had no opposition, and the occasion was one of glorification over party achievements and the distinguished services of the Senator.

Ex Queen Liliuokalani of Hawai', it is said, is about to win in her contest with the government for indemnity for her crown lands. She put up a good fight. She was jeered and hooted, but she ran the race with patience and wins as she ought to have done long ago.

Considerable interest is now being manifested concerning Liberia. That country would do a wise thing if it advertised its attractive features as all new countries do in one way or another. Liberia is old enough, but it has been sleeping.

The generous sprinkling of colored miners attending the Miners' Convention, this week, is an indication of affiliation in that organization. The relationship of the races is said to be pleasant.

Booker T. Washington is letting go his thirteen-inch guns out in California. The apostle of industrialism has been hailed with deserved acclaim.

"Get out the vote Tarkington" lost his stage fright last Tuesday in nominating Senator Fairbanks. Washington Irving never got over his.

Carnegie is in; he gives his libraries for the benefit of all creeds and nationalities. What else could he do among this composite, conglomerate nation?

America is plenty big enough to hold all of us.

Coal and wood look good in these days.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Mr. Washington was enthusiastically received in San Francisco, as he has been at all points since his journey to California. He made one of his characteristic speeches, part of which is as follows, as heard and reproduced by one of the audience:

"It pleases me to see that the Negroes of California are proud of their race. I detest a nation or a people that is not proud of itself. Oh, I want to see the Negro race, of which I am proud to be a member, one of the foremost races of the earth. I hope you will teach your children that all form of work is honorable, whether by the head or by the hand."

Speaking of Tuskegee he said:

"We have water-works, and a Negro operates it. We have an electric plant with 1500 lights, and a Negro operates it. We have a bank, its clerk, president and all attendants are members of our race."

"I have but little regard for an educated Negro who goes about the country looking for a job because, if he had the right kind of training and the most useful ambition, he would create a job and not lose the time hunting one. Create it by tilling the soil, and I say to you not to get the idea that an education will subserve you without your efforts. And you, young girls, if, when you leave college, you would take your mother's place in the kitchen, that she may rest from her life's labor, if only but a day, that act, by her, would never be forgotten.

There are but few, if any, of you within this vast audience who have seen the poverty that I have, for I have hunted the spots where the pigs were fed that I might eat of their feed. I have promised that I was going to use all the power and knowledge that God has given me to educate a people in ways of industry and thrift that they may profit by my experiences.

If you have a child you have not done your duty until you teach, or it has been taught, a trade. If you have a wife you are unworthy the name the law allows you until you have provided her with a comfortable home.

My son, whom I love as dearly as any of you possibly could love your child or children, was taught brick masonry, and to-day can take his place on a wall with any of the best of his trade. Whether in after years he shall be a brickmason, a carpenter, a doctor, a congressman, I know not, but I have done a parent's part by him. Applause. I hope every individual within this church own, or will not cease in efforts until he owns his or her home. (Amen was loudly heard)

There is a tie that binds us together, as is bound no other race; in other words, we are tied together as no other race (by the string of color), and as soon as the white man finds out that he or she has a drop of Negro blood in him they are thrown in and tied up with us too, (laughter) but among us we have drawn lines. Let us draw the lines more distinctly and tightly until the girl who disregard the laws of morality will not be recieved as the girl who lives an upright and virtuous life. (Applause) I could not contentedly follow the grip-sack legion, all of whose personal property, real estate and bank stock is carried therein, but I want to follow those who have a trade, who have homes and lands for in their rise there is an example of push and success Who can tell the magnitude of my surprise to find a lady member of our race, whose deportment and qualification had merited for her the principalship of one of the primary schools in your capital city (Sacramento) We must learn to sacrifice to-day that we may obtain tomorrow, for it is by that manner of foresightedness that the $900 the white man banks breed $106 while he sleeps. I have known of young men of our race to work a week for $5 00 and spend $3 00 of that $5 00 for a buggy ride on Sunday. Young girls, help me in my life's work by saying to such men that you will accept not his offer until he becomes the owner of both horse and buggy. (Laughter and applause.)

Now, in my part of the country, so many of our people spend so much of their time preparing to die (laughter) Permit me to be understood as a man believing in our God and think our ministers should teach christianity in the most intelligent and effective way, but I was in a town, the other day, and a man came to me and said he was the president of a society, etc., and I asked him what was the object of his society. He said 'to bury the dead.' Later on I met another distinguished gentleman who was the founder of a society. I asked him what was the object of his society? He said 'to care for and bury the dead.' As I was leaving the town I met, on the train, a man with many books. 'I am an organizer of a society,' he said. What is the object of your society? 'To take care of the sick and bury the dead,' he said. Now, with such strenuous efforts to prepare to die oh how wonderful it is that death does not lose its sting. My admonition is, that for fear we will outlive our preparation we should prepare to live longer and better and more righteously, then we would not keep constantly in view these magnificent $100 funerals."

Church and Social News.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—A sad accident occurred last week when Rawleigh Smith, age 15 years, was drowned while out skating. The funeral took place from the A. M. E. church, Rev. Long, of Metropolis, Ill., officiating, assisted by Revs. Jones and Howard. Omar Phillips is much improved. Revs. Reid and Thompson were in Memphis last week. Mr. Lewis, of Marion, was a guest of Miss Mae Price one day last week. I. H. Halsey was in Metropolis last week. Rev. G. S. Smith is conducting a series of meetings at Metropolis, Ill. W. B. and Mrs. Martin, of Trenton, who have been visiting here, have returned home. Miss Emma Dooly has been very sick for several weeks. Little John Fisher is ill with fever. Mrs. Paralee Howard has returned from an extended visit in the South. Mrs. Amanda Slayton, of Massac county, Ill., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Givens, has returned home. The B. Y. P. U. meets at the Seventh Street Baptist church every Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Curtis Morris and Mrs. John Crawford are ill. The Philadelphia stock company is doing a thriving business in their new grocery, under the supervision of Messrs. Danner and Hayes. Miss Bessie Williams, of Memphis, was the guest of J. W. and Mrs. McHuest last week. Douglass Lodge No. 59, held their installation on the 13th.

A SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Tuskegee Summer Normal Institute for colored teachers will be in session from June 29 to August 7.

Rabbi Levy of New York City, Professors L. B. Moore and Kelley Miller of Howard University and Dr. Lucy Moten, Principal of the Negro Normal School Washington, D. C., Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., and Prof. Chas. H. Albert of the State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa., will be among the lecturers and teachers of the school. For full information regarding courses offered, tuition, expenses, railway rates. etc., address

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DIVORCE LEGAL.

Louise Griffin vs Wm. Griffin	State of Indiana, Maion Co., ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion Co., In the State of Indiana. No. 12374 Complaint Divorce,

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 20th day of January, 1903, the above named plaintiff, by her attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant William Griffin and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, William Griffin is not a resident of the state of Indiana; that cause if for a divorce and that last above named defendant is a necessary party thereto; and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 21st day of March 1903.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appears and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 21st day of March 1903 the same being the 18th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in March 1903, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

WM. E. DAVIS, Clerk.

JAS. T. V. HILL, Attorney for Plaintiff, 203½ E. Washington Street

Every mother possesses information of vital value to her young daughter. That daughter is a precious legacy, and the responsibility for her future is largely in the hands of the mother. The mysterious change that develops the thoughtless girl into the thoughtful woman should find the mother on the watch day and night. As she cares for the physical well-being of her daughter, so will the woman be, and her children also.

When a young girl's thoughts become sluggish, when she experiences headaches, dizziness, faintness, and exhibits an abnormal disposition to sleep, pains in the back and lower limbs, eyes dim, desire for solitude, and a dislike for the society of other girls, when she is a mystery to herself and friends, then the mother should go to her aid promptly. At such a time the greatest aid to nature is **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.** It prepares the young system for the coming change, and is the surest reliance in this hour of trial.

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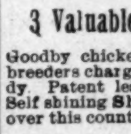

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New York, Jan. 17.—Cotton—Spot closed steady; middling uplands, 8.95c; middling gulf, 9.20c. Sales, 326 bales.

New Orleans, Jan. 19.—Cotton—Spot firm. Sales, 3,800 bales. Ordinary, 7¼c; good ordinary, 7¾c; low middling, 8 11-16c; good middling, 9⅛c; middling fair, 9 13-16c. Receipts, 15,941 bales; stock, 374,496 bales.

New York, Jan. 19.—Spot cotton closed steady and 5 points higher; middling uplands, 9c; middling gulf, 9.25c. Sales, 1,200 bales.

New Orleans, Jan. 20.—Cotton quiet. Sales, 3,250 bales. Ordinary, 7¼c; good ordinary, 7¾c; low middling, 8 1-16c; middling, 8 11-16c; good middling, 9⅛c; middling fair, 9 13-16c. Receipts, 11,672 bales; stock, 376,005 bales.

New York, Jan. 20.—Cotton—Spot closed steady and 5 points lower; middling uplands, 8.95c; middling gulf, 9.20c. Sales, 3,527 bales.

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FRED W. JOHNSON, "The Tarantula"—Playing dates: New Orleans, La., Jan. 26, indefinate.

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Nothing has been heard from the hoop rollers. Now, boys, who is really it.

We welcome "Tome the Tattler's" return. I think there will be something doing.

Isaac W. Willis, better known as "Boomsky," stage assistant to Herrmann the Great, was a pleasant Freeman caller Monday.

W. G. Bostwick and the Coppridge World's Fair band and orchestra are still pleasing them at St. Louis, Mo. J. E. Adams sends regards to R. O. Henderson and wife, also Punch.

Frank Clermont desires to let his friends know that his permanent address is 129 W. 27th street, New York City, or care Richards & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels, No. 2 company.

J. Turner Wall writes from the Electric Concert Company that they are still in the land of the living, doing well, stopping at O. K. hotels and living like kings and queens. We are only the Walls, J. Turner, Dora Wilson and the Petitts, Henry and Mattie. We still want a piano player annd singer. Man and wife preferred.

Gentlemen—It grieves me to think how the brightest stars of the present generation have failed to respond to the Bland fund. Where is the wisdom of the actor who considers such a cause beneath his notice? Who is the actor who would despoil his honorable record for a few petty grievances or despise a brother actor for no substantial reason?

Is this the precedent we are to establish? Is the Black Patti and other good women to set the example for men who have prospered on the stage for years?

Are the poorer brother actors to bear the burden alone?

To those whose hearts are embittered with enmity, or moved by sympathy, I humbly ask of you to please aid the fund.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Napoleon Johnson writes from Big Minstrel Festival: It has been the custom here this season that a week or two before we play one of the boys' home town it goes the rounds, wait until we get to such and such a place. But since the 12th, 13th and 14th, whenever I hear again, wait until we get to Atlanta, there's where I draw the line. While there Frank Inman met his mother and all friends, who made it very pleasant for him and a number of the boys. Also Miss Bertie Ormes, formerly of the Williams and Walker Company No. 2 came from New York and spent three days with her husband, S. H. Dudley. She was very much impressed with the show and left wishing us success. Billy Kersand was the favorite as usual, as shown by the bunch of flowers he received during the Wednesday matinee.

The company joins me in sympathizing with Wm. Fletcher on behalf of the death of his uncle. * * Allie Brown, slack wire artist, joined in Atlanta, and is quite an addition to the olio. * * The band under Wm. Blue and orchestra under Robt. Leach, is still holding their own wherever we go and never fail to leave the people talking; as also the solos played by Wm. Blue, Fred Simpson, Joe Ricks and Wm. Fletcher. In Atlanta Simpson and Pittman, the musical cadets, were somewhat handicapped on account of the action of the weather on their instruments, but as they had the will they soon had a way by which the difficulty was soon overcome.

Clarence Powell, the mirth producer, is still spelling "Chicken" to the satisfaction of the audiences. Much credit is duc Dudley and Kelley, for during the whole action of their turn there is not a dull moment, and when Dudley sings "Back to the Woods," and Kelley does his eccentric dancing and they close by singing "Dusky Maidens," they are voted the best ever. The Campbell brothers are making the hit of their lives, being placed as far down in the olio and judging from the amount of applause they ought to be highly complimented, and as both are young we predict for them a bright future. Senor Romando is still mystifying the people with his tricks. * * Harry Kraton, the hoop controller, is practicing new tricks daily and he has such perfect control over the hoops that after the show I have often heard people say, "Oh, he has strings tied to those hoops; that's why he can make them come back to him and do as he chooses."

Daddy Love's Theatrical Exchange, Chicago.—Williams and Stevens have resumed business again, and headed the bill at the Metropolitan last Saturday and Sunday to a large and appreciative audience. They send regards to all the profession. * * Billy McClain, of the Smart Set Co., which is laying off here this week, loks as young, acts as young, talks as young as he did forty years ago. Billy, give us the dope on preserving your health for such a long period. * * Mr. and Mrs. William Cole have closed with the Hottest Coon in Dixie Company. * * The Crosbys will soon leave the city to fill an engagement south. * * Through some misunderstanding it was mentioned in our notes that the Trocadero had closed against the colored profession, but we can justly say they are still signing contracts. * * It is rumored that Williams and Walker will be here in two weeks, playing a return engagement. * * Mr. Chas. Sager, the eminent composer and stage director, is still telling funny stories. He is as happy as a lark, and when he has a funny story to tell he breaks it in on Daddy Love. * * The Prampkins are headliners at the Clark Street this week. Their executions on the cornet are wonderful and should be highly appreciated by the profession, as they already have it from the public. ** You ought to see Will Dixon eat chitterlings and baked beans. * * LittleBrownie is still cracking his sides laughing at other people's jokes. * * Jakie Smith sends his regards to all his friends. * * As so many of the boys like that favorite appetiser called chitterlings, and piano keys, better known as spare-ribs, noseglasses, alias pig snoot, and turn-over fried pies, you can always find them at the professional headquarters of Mrs. James L. Love, in her beautiful little quarters known as the Little Logan. Ernest will be there all next week. Call and see him. * * Daddy Love sends his regards to Mallory and Brooks, and Halliday, and all the professionals. * * The Hottest Coon in Dixie Company passed through here last Sunday to Chicago Heights. The company has been strengthened considerable, and although it looked definite as to how long they would be an aggregation, they are not sailing easy upon the ocean of fame and finance, turning people away by the hundreds. They are headed east, and the ghost walks regularly. * * Ernst Hogan, comedian of comedians, paid a flying visit to his mother in Bowling Green, Ky., and his brother in Racine, Wis., whilst his company is resting up in Chicago.

"The first company of genuine Negro minstrels ever organized in the world was organized in Macon. In the latter days of the war there was little to amuse them. Edmond R. Dalton and John A. Davis had a company on the road and so did W. H. Crisp, but they were so much in demand in the South that they were kept on the run all the time. John Templeton, with Alice and Isabel Vane (Fay was not born until after the war), paid occasional visits, but they were always short ones. In spite of the stirring times the people wanted amusement. There were regiments of soldiers scattered around Macon, and each man had a sweetheart, and these would make up a good audience at any time, even if a single ticket sold at $5. To fill the aching void some of the town boys gathered together the colored musicians of the city and gave performances in a concert hall. The performers were natural born musicians. And by reason of being of a high grade of slavery, the majority of them trusted servants about poker rooms and club rooms, they had ample time for practice and were encouraged by their owners. Just after the war ended, when the people began settling down to the new life, the scattered minstrels, now as free as air, were gathered into Macon with Gen. Wilson, and when he heard of the extraordinary talent of Macon's darkey minstrels it did not take his Yankee shrewdness long to corral them. He found a ready partner in Geo. W. Simpson. Simpson was a printer and worked in Macon for several years. He was a fine talker, and when Lee proposed to organize the troupe and take it abroad the plan suited Simpson admirably. With a personal acquaintance with every member of the now disbanded company it required only a promise of an opportunity to travel to make any contract with them that was desired. They had never seen the outside world, and now that the shackles had been stricken off they were only too glad to go. For several weeks Lee had the company in training. He had had long experience in minstrelsy, and having apt scholars the company came out from rehearsal full-fledged minstrels. The opening night was fixed for July 4th, 1865.

"The theater was packed that night, and the black boys made a hit. In a few days they were bundled off to New York, and shortly afterward went to Europe and made a great success in London. On their return to America in the fall of 1869, Dr. Calendar reorganized them under the title of Callender's Georgia Minstrels. John H. Haverly took the minstrels from Callender and put out two shows under the title of Haverly's Georgia Minstrels. One of these shows was sent to Europe. Charles Frohman, now the famous manager, was then the treasurer of the European show. On the return of the European show, Charles, Daniel and Gustave Frohman put out the Georgia minstrels. Then Richards and Pringle took the Georgia minstrels and have kept them on the road for a number of years. Billy Kersands, the most famous Negro comedian that the stage world has ever seen, was originally a New York bootblack. He attracted the attention of Dr. Callender, who made him a member of his company. His big mouth, fine voice and awful laugh soon made him famous, and today he is as big a favorite as he was years ago. He is still with Richards and Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels, who are now on their twenty-eighth annual tour of the principal cities and towns of the United States."

Notes from the Domino Theater. Fernandina, Fla.

Dennis and Jones are still here making good. Father Kime's comedians and dancers are big favorites. John Dennis, manager, is at Hot Springs, Ark., for his health. Preparations are being made to give the Rosco and Holland boys a good time when they reach our little city.

Noters from Buckingham Theater, Tampa, Fla.

Chappelle Brothers, owner; Pat Chappelle, general manager; D. Ireland Thomas, stage manager; Prof. S. E. Dodd, leader band and orchestra.

Business at this popular house continues good at all times. Miss Lucy Pettues and Messrs. Moore and Vaughn opened on the 12th, and made the usual big hit. The house was packed, and everybody was well pleased. We now have thirty-five performers and musicians working, and everybody is getting along nicely. Miss Burniedette Butler will please write Mr. Chappelle again and put her address on the letter.

Notes from Old Plantation, with Southern Carnival Company.

This leaves us all well, but last week we had some sickness. R. O. Henderson was unable to work for two nights. Little Eph had a narrow escape in San Luis Obispo by being run over by a team. Boyds send regards to all friends and say to W. A. Lyons, "We wish you much success." Punch Jones sends regards to J. D. West and John E. Adams, and says to Billy Earthquake: "How is this, Billy—going in your shirtsleeves and looking for shade in January?" Mr. Tait still holds his own as having the best money-making show with the carnival, the Old Plantation, and he says that his show is a sure meal ticket. The Hendersons send regards to Geo. Rentfrow, John Eason, the Adams family, and all St. Louis friends. Chas. Helman says he wishes he was back across the Mississippi river.

Boston, Mass., Notes.

Martha A. and Luke Pulley were among the well-known vaudeville entertainers who appeared at the Boston Theater Sunday evening concert. They carried the house by storm, and received several encores. At present Mr. Pulley and wife are touring with the Under Southern Sky Company, under the direction of W. A. Brady. They will return to Boston to do a special act at the opening of the new Majestic Theater, that will open in February.

The Six Blackbirds, who are doing a very good musical act at Keith's New Theater, are certainly receiving their share of encore at this popular house. The boys are looking well, and send regards to all friends.

The London Baton Twirlers have closed their two weeks' engagement at Austin and Stone's Museum. Charlie Randall, who is manager of the team, sends regards to all of his Jacksonville and Tampa friends, and would like to hear from the Exchange Theater, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Frank Wallace is now general manager of the Unity Club, of Boston. This popular club is always the place to find the colored performers when they are in the city. Thomas J. Jackson sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones, of the Exchange.

Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels.

We are still in Iowa yet, and may be the rest of the month, and we are proud to see our business increase with the new year and are improving our show as well. We had the pleasure of meeting the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" in Dubuque, Iowa, Saturday, the 10th. All of their company is well and doing well and gave us a cordial time. We both came to Dubuque on the same train, and we find the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" right up to the mark. They are not making as much noise as some shows, but they are there to the good in biz—anyway you want to approach them. They are handsomely fixed on their car—no swell-heads, but performers and gentlemen. As the old maxim says, "We know a carpenter by his chips," thus we know they have a good, up-to-date show by ther roster, and we do not necessarily need to see their performance. Their managers, Messrs. Primrose and the noted Black Carl, certainly showed themselves to us showmen. We wish them evcry success and hope to meet them again. We also send regards to Dick Thomas, Iron Mountain Mick, and wish to say to him: Come back home; all is over, and we ain't never going to do it any more, so you will be all right. We have a nice club on the car since you left that I know you would be all right in a while. I, the writer, is being barred. It is named the Pigfoot Club, and your friends are the main factors, viz., Kid Langford, J. W. Cooper and J. A. Watts. The club sets an elegant spread every night after the show, and they are really IT in large letters just now. Wishing all a prosperous season is all.—Georgia Minstrel Company.

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How the Advent of a Colored Minstrel Was Greeted on 'Change.

Billy Kersands, the famous comedian with Richards & Pringle's Georgia minstrels, while spending his vacation in New York last summer, dropped into the Stock Exchange one day and took a seat in the gallery, placidly surveying the howling multitude.

A broker was one of the first to spy him. He was one of that large and representative class of individuals who can not see a black face pass without making facetious remarks. He promptly waved his hand

"Howdy, Uncle!" he greeted him, cheerily.

Uncle beamed blandly through his spectacles, but made no sign of recognition.

"Uncle, Uncle, I say!" shouted the facetious man of the floor.

"Oh, this is rich," he exclaimed, seizing one friend and then another. "Isn't uncle a winner!" Soon a dozen lusty-voiced brokers lined up, and with heads thrown back they sang for the gratification of the solitary guest in the gallery "Old Black Joe."

A hundred brokers turned to listen. It was pretty good singing, and they applauded and watched uncle. The latter looked placidly through his spectacles without any particular sign of enhanced interest.

"What's the old scoundrel going to do?" queried the choristers perplexedly of their leader.

"He don't even notice us," they complained.

At this point uncle arose and stepped to the rail. Out of his trousers pocket he produced an old-fashioned copper cent. Tossing it easily to the glee club of brokers he resumed his seat and beamed upon them.

There was a roar of derision from the floor of the exchange, the quartet broke up in palpable embarrassment, and the facetious broker swore fervently.

"But I'd give anything to get that old fellow's point of view," he confessed, as he repeated the story that evening, but he would have been surprised if he had known the party was one who had entertained hundreds of thousands of people.—Exchange.

The Doctrines of Mr. Ford.

By Sylvester Russell.

The "Praisemongers" is the title of a subject which James L. Ford once contributed to the New Century Magazine. Mr. Ford is a noted white critic of liberal education, who wrote many articles under signature for the New York Journal and Chicago American. Praisemongers are men who deal in flattery to gain esteem. Mr. Ford calls flattery a dangerous form of dishonesty, and claims that it has ruined many a career that honest criticism would have helped. He also adds: "The very moment a man makes a successful beginning as an artist or actor, the praisemongers gather about him to pat him on the back and assure him that he is the greatest man of the age. He thinks that they are his staunch friends. They are merely a band of unscrupulous wreckers, some for the sake of loans, drinks, cigars or any other purposes that may drift their way."

This may not seem like truth to all of us, but here is more of it:

"This subject is one that commands itself with secular force to the men and women who are engaged in artistic pursuits, and in whose lives praise and blame constitute a much more important element than in the lives of persons cast in more common place grooves."

Once more he says:

"I will venture to say that nine-tenths of the suitable professional human wrecks can be traced back to the exertions of the jolly good-hearted praisemongers who have underminded them with their insidious insincere flattery."

This is the kind of doctrine we get from Mr. Ford. Quoting him again, he says:

"Personally, I am a profound believer in outspoken and even merciless criticism, provided it comes from an honest heart through a competent pen. As for the "feelings" that so many mushy philosophers are afraid of hurting, they are seldom more than an outer cuticle of personal vanity, which any capable surgeon in moral philosophy will recommend for total destruction. The New Testament, for example, was not designed to flatter those to whom it was addressed, and Dean Swift, Shakespere nor Thackeray did not go around administering soothing syrup.

There is but one way in which the evil effects of insincere praise can be avoided. Let the victim who finds himself subject to it keep his eye firmly fixed on the very pinnacles of his art—those remote slopes which he should always hope to climb.

Let him seek a quiet library rather than the bustle of a cafe and read and think, not of himself, but of those who are far above him.

The very breeze that wafts the tidings of his triumph through the town will also fan the cheeks of the praisemongers who are lying in wait for a fresh victim, and by the time he has read in the daily papers the printed accounts of his performance of the night before he won't read anything else that morning. They will be upon him in a ravenous flock, with, "Old man, you're great!" I never saw a house as still as it was in your scene in the second act, but, honestly, I thought they'd take the roof off at the close of the third. Did you see me standing there, pounding away for dear life with my umbrella?

I broke it all to smithereens rooting for you!

Naturally enough, the young actor looks upon all this as a spontaneous tribute to his genius, and a direct confirmation of last night's applause and this morning's papers.

He is glad that these jolly, good-hearted fellows, who had never before evinced any particular fondness for him, are really so deeply attached to him that they will cheerfully accompany him into any cafe or restaurant for the purpose of telling him what a great man he is. I am free to confess that I know of no tale that sounds pleasanter in our ears than that which recites our own achievements, and it is not surprising to find that men and women of artistic temperament are willing to listen to it in countless repetition.

This is what Joseph Jefferson calls the second round of applause, and it is such a pitiable easy thing for a young artist to fall into the agreeable habit of buying refreshments for all who join in it. Let us make a vow never to reward flattery with a drink, a cigar or a loan, and before long he will be able to breakfast by himself in any cafe in town if he wishes to."

These are the doctrines of one of the most liberal minded recognized critics of the age—James L. Ford.

A telegram received from W. H. McKanlass, who is in San Francisco, states that Wallace King, the once wonderful singer, has arrived there from Australia completely demented.

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Songs and Singers.

Jos. Schofield is singing Gillespie & Dillea's "I Will Return, Sweetheart, Again," and also "Just to Be Near You," by Fay and Oliver.

The Bison City Quartet are featuring "Trouble," "June, My June," and "All Is Fair in Love and War."

Florence Greely, of the Bowery Burlesquers, is making a success in "Is That All You've Got to Say?"

Miss Nellie Hawthorne, of the famous Sisters Hawthorne, to judge from most flattering notices, is eclipsing her previous successful efforts in pleasing the public. In her single turn, which she does this season, she introduces five songs of the magnetic type, "Kate O'Toole," "Little Belle of Japan," "Pansy Blossom Blue," "Soldiers" and "Little Maggie Dooley's Tin Band"—a veritable cluster of catches.

Miss Sallie Stembler, the dainty little comedienne, vested with vivacity and voice, too, that is exceptionally good, possessed a repertoire choice in comedy and sentiment: "Lazy Bill" and "Good Night, Beloved, Good Night" form a part of it. Her latest introduction is "Oh, La, La, La," a winner, written for her by Louis Weslyn.

James R. Purvis, in a recent interesting communication, writes of his two prosperous adjuncts to success, "The Passion Flower" and "Nobody Ever Brings Presents to Me." His repertoire is soon to be enlarged by the addition of the well-known "Somebody's Waiting 'Neath Southern Skies."

Winney & Ward, the successful song illustrators, write of the permanent popularity of "Place a Light to Guide Me Home." Their latest offering to the public will be "The Passion Flower" and "Sadie, My Lady."

Arthur Wallis, of the J. C. Rockwell Dramatic Company, writes the publishers: "I have had great success all season with 'Stay in Your Own Back Yard,' 'Why Did They Sell Killarney,' and others of your songs."

I. Grant Gibson, with the Pennsylvania Company, is using "Ma Starlight Sue," "I Need You Honey," "Sallie Brown" and "Trouble" as a medley.

John Carmody is featuring "Noreen Mavourneen" and "The Voice of the Violets."

Oliver T. Holden is using "A Little Sprig of Green," "Noreen Mauvourneen" and "The Voice of the Violets."

The Baileys will put on the two big hits, "Dat's De Way to Spell Chicken" and "Trouble." They will also use the ballad success, "Good Night, Beloved, Good Night."

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The system of thrashing out of the shock caused a loss of millions of dollars to western farmers during the harvest season of 1902, but we doubt if one in ten of them will heed the lesson learned.

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About $6,000,000 is now available under the new irrigation law. No public work which the government has ever undertaken will be watched with more interest than this attempt to reclaim desert areas by the intelligent storage of flood waters and their use in irrigating. It is not yet decided just where the first experiment will be made.

A summing up of the experiences of two or three of the experiment stations proves conclusively that the lantern moth traps do not catch the class of insects that are injurious to the orchard, but do destroy many insects which are of great value to the fruit grower. For instance, this form of trap will catch neither the apple tree borer, beetle, codlin moth, curculio nor cankerworm moths, and these are the four worst insect pests of the orchard.

We are asked why the tame apple cannot be grafted on the wild crabapple. It can, but not successfully. The wild crab is of very dwarfy growth, and the apple scion soon outgrows its crab stock and is either broken off by the wind or perishes for want of an adequate root system to supply its needs. The same difficulty occurs to quite an extent when the large varieties of tame plums are top worked on wild plum stocks.

There are thousands of acres of rough and hilly land bordering the rivers of Minnesota and Iowa, too steep to plow and too much exposed to bear good crops of grass, which would make ideal sites for orchards of Wealthy apple trees, and in no other way could such land be made so productive and profitable. The Lord intended all the hills to be covered with trees, and they would be were it not for man's rapacity and destructiveness with ax and with fire.

Nothing better could happen to the western country as a whole than a further subdivision of the farms. Nine men out of ten try to work too much land and thus do not reach the normal productive capacity of the land by one-half. Smaller farms would mean more farmers, more farmers more farm homes, more farm homes more children for the public schools, more and nearer neighbors and greatly improved social conditions. Any political or economic change which will result in a reduction of the size of the western farm will be a good thing for the country.

With the advent of a new year we feel like emphasizing the many virtues of the "pay as you go" principle as a guide for the conduct of business during 1903. The careless and injudicious use of credit lies at the very foundation of over one-half the financial ills which afflict the people. The use of credit is always an expensive luxury, if not to the man who uses it, at least to the man who extends it. We came across a young man, ablebodied, healthy and industrious, not long since who at twenty-two years of age had piled up an indebtedness for personal expenses of over $500. He had ruined his credit and will probably always be a poor, shiftless critter.

Mighty few men look at a dollar just right. They either think too much of it or else not enough, and so let it make them either a knave or a fool.

One agricultural parasite is found in the man who attends all the farm auction sales for the sake of having a chance at the free lunch. This kind should be fired when he shows up.

Neighbors who go to law about trivial things help support the lawyers even if they get no real satisfaction out of the business. All neighborhood troubles should be arbitrated by disinterested parties.

Any common farmer who will take the trouble to attend the farm institute held in his county will surely take home with him at least one new idea and a new pride and enthusiasm in his profession.

It will be found that the best quality of fruit will be produced on young trees, this largely because such trees are never overloaded. It teaches a lesson as to the value of judicious thinning of fruit.

When a farmer comes to town and gets $2 for a turkey, $15 for a common fat hog, 28 cents for his cream or butter and 23 cents for his eggs, he should not kick if he has to pay $6 for soft coal to keep himself warm.

Skunks do not hibernate in winter, as do coons, but are ready at almost any time to make a raid on the farmer's poultry yard. It is a curious fact that these animals increase as the country becomes more thickly settled.

If the man in Iowa, Minnesota or Wisconsin was required to give his orchard the same thorough cultivation, fertilization and care as to thinning the fruit as does the orange or prune raiser of the Pacific coast, he would think that fruit raising was no joke, but did he so care for his orchard he would be astonished at the result.

A man owning 700 acres of fine farm land told us the other day that owing to the difficulty in securing farm help he was being compelled to reduce the size of his farm, as he found it impossible, with the high priced and uncertain help available, to make the operation of so large a farm profitable. We told him we did not feel sorry for him.

If there is any wild live thing, fur or feathers, left anywhere in the country where we live when spring comes, it will be because it stayed under ground when the horde of pothunters were making their incessant raids. The desire to kill for the sake of killing is more brutally developed under our modern civilization than when man had to kill in order to live.

The plat upon which it is proposed to grow a crop of onions should be thoroughly prepared the previous year. There is nothing better for this crop than a piece of new woodland put in perfect condition. The next best thing is a well rotted piece of pasture land. In any event no weeds should be allowed to go to seed the previous year. The most salable variety for the western markets seems to be the Red Globe.

And now it is a Missouri judge who has decided that the egg money belongs to the farmer's wife and fined a farmer in that state a good round sum for selling the eggs from the farm and appropriating the proceeds. Only a few pretty mean men ever attempt this. The rest let their wives have this source of income, most of them because they want to and the rest because they have to. Let every woman assert her rights in this matter.

The evolution of electrical science has given value to every waterfall, no matter how far removed from municipal or manufacturing centers; the magic current from hidden cataract and mountain glen where generated moves noiselessly out and on to any place where man can use it. Nothing more wizardlike or which savors more of the tales of the "Arabian Nights" or the miracles wrought out by the genii of legend and fable has ever been accomplished by men.

The Russian minister of agriculture has appropriated the sum of $30,000 for the purpose of developing the creamery business along the line of the new Siberian railroad. The money is to be expended in giving instruction in the dairy business to the farmer and for the conducting of dairy schools in which to train butter makers. Siberia is likely to become an extensive butter producing country, as the natural conditions are exceedingly favorable for the business.

The one mule farm is a very common thing in the southern states, a little patch of land operated by a colored man, an old mule and a batch of pickaninnies. A bale or two of cotton are raised to sell, while a small cornfield, some razorbacks wild in the woods, the wild game of the forest and the fish in the river contribute to give the family a living. There is nothing just like this in the north, but few men attempting to work a piece of land unless a team of horses can be employed.

Property rights in any wild products are hard to enforce. Wild fruits, bee trees, the butternuts and walnuts, the wild game, both in fur and feathers, no matter if well inclosed and protected by the owner, are still looked upon as public plunder by the masses and will be seized and appropriated if possible. The people need instructing that this wild life and the natural products are each and all as much protected by the laws of the country as though they were artificial productions.

A FAMILY APPLE ORCHARD.

A friend writes us that he wishes to set out a family orchard of 100 apple trees. He lives in northern Iowa. He wishes us to name the varieties that he had better plant. We give the following list, not that we know it to be the very best which might possibly be selected, but rather as one which we think will give satisfaction. Following is the list: Fifty Wealthy, 20 Northwestern Greening, 10 Duchess, 5 Longfield, 5 No. 20, 5 Patten's Greening, 5 Fameuse. This will give a succession of good apples from early August until the May following, and in the event of a surplus crop he would find that the Wealthy apple would always be salable at a good price. One suggestion here—he should buy these trees of his nearest reliable home nurseryman, should dedicate the land upon which they are planted to their exclusive use, should give them thorough cultivation for six years at least, should keep a vigilant watch for borers and let nothing in the orchard during this period larger than a hen. Doing this, he will at the end of ten years be the owner of an orchard worth $1,000.

IT IS QUALITY THAT PAYS.

Not enough attention is paid by the average farmer to raising the best things. It costs as much to raise a scrub animal of any kind as it does to raise the best, and the difference in the selling price is often as much as 100 per cent. It is just the same with grains, fruits and vegetables. It really pays only to sow the best seeds. Yet how very little care is taken in the selection and preparation of the seed! The margin of difference between the poor fat steer and the good fat steer is hardly ever less than $2 per hundredweight and often as much as $4. The difference between a cow which makes 125 pounds of butter per year and one which makes 325 pounds is the difference between a cow which runs you into debt and one which will bring you in a net profit of over $50. The barrel of choice apples will sell for $4 when culls of the same varieties have to go to the cider mill. There will always be ten men who will persist in raising the poor stuff where there is one who raises the best. Why not be that one?

GO SOUTH, YOUNG MAN.

As compared with the extreme northwest section—the Canadian northwest—our own southern states offer many points of advantage for the poor man seeking a home. Minimize as you may the fact of extreme north latitude, the pitiless blizzard, the 40 below zero, these things still constitute a very serious objection to any country possessing them; then there is the brief working season, a five months' rush in summer and a seven months' hibernation during the winter, an ill jointed and unpleasant condition whereunder to prosecute farm work. The south gives, barring the rainy days, almost the entire year for the prosecution of farm work, a greatly lessened cost for keep of both man and beast, because of the higher temperature. True, the soil may be and undoubtedly is less fertile than that of the north, but the greater variety of products possible under the certain humidity and warmth of the south is no small compensation for the poorer quality of the soil.

A NURSERY SWINDLE.

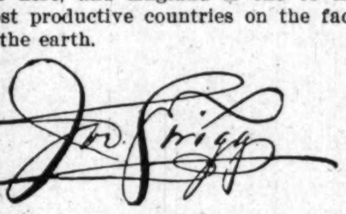
Where the writer lives for several years past the farmers have been periodically raided by the representatives of a so called nursery located in a western city. Investigation shows that there is no nursery at that place, nothing but an office and a shipping barn. The stuff furnished on these orders is bought at wholesale from nurserymen anywhere and may be true to name, but more likely not. We have seen some of the bills for goods thus sold and find that from 75 to 100 per cent more is charged than the same things guaranteed could be bought for from the home nurseryman. We are almost tired of telling farmers to let this class of fakes alone. Money might just as well be burned up in the kitchen stove as paid to them.

TOO RADICAL A CROSS.

In a dairy community we know of the attempt to make use of registered beef sires on herds of cows of purely dairy types. The result is that the men who sold these sires are being harshly criticised because the product is not of a better beef type. The sensible man would not expect such a radical cross to give him a good type of beef animal. The dairy breeds—Jerseys, Holsteins and Guernseys—are just as prepotent as any of the beef breeds and therefore just as likely to determine the character of the cross. This is especially true so far as the Jerseys are concerned, and it may be said that no beef cross with this breed will ever give satisfaction to the feeder.

SAVE THE BIRDS.

We offer just as many inducements as possible for the birds to make their home with us during their all too brief summer visit. Never mind if they do get a little of the fruit. Passing the sentimental and æsthetic side of bird life as associated with man and viewed from purely an economic standpoint, the birds should be protected and fostered, as they stand directly between man and a horde of insect pests which if not kept in subjection would speedily paralyze all of man's efforts in both agriculture and horticulture. There are ten birds in England where there is one here, and England is one of the most productive countries on the face of the earth.



Lincoln Institute Notes.

Jefferson City, Mo., Special.—Lincoln Institute entered upon the work of the New Year, January 5, with such an additional number of new students that it became necessary to move the young men at once to their comfortable quarters in the new dormitory and thus relieve the crowded condition of both the young men and the young women, a condition which for several months they have borne with commendable patience, cheerfulness and good humor.

Wednesday afternoon, January 7, the young men were installed in the new building under the supervision of Prof. J. Silone Yates, head of the department of English and lady principal of the boy's department, so quickly, quietly and orderly as to win the applause of President Allen and others in authority.

The ground floor is still unfinished but will be rapidly completed and the building will then be dedicated with appropriate services followed by a banquet. Conditions for study in this dormitory are quite ideal, where two boys only occupy a room and are responsible for its care. Such rooms, well lighted, neatly fitted, with steam radiators, other modern conveniences and finishings, former students of the Institute—those, for instance who were there in the '80's and '90's—hardly dreamed of, or believed that such favorable conditions would ever exist.

There are in addition to these desirable apartments for boys, a fine reception hall, a guest room, a well lighted room for the sick, should there be any in this healthy place—a reading and music room combined, etc.

With the completion of this dormitory and of the walks and roads leading up to it, to the main building and elsewhere, the Institute campus will present a very inviting appearance and should with the remainder of the plant be looked upon with pride an affection by every race loving and patriotic citizen of Missouri. An impressive memorial service in respect and honor to the deceased Mrs. Dockery was held in Lincoln Intsitute auditorium January 4 a copy of the resolutions adopted on that occasion was prepared in unique form and presented to the Governor. Lincoln Institute was ably represented at the recent Missouri State Teacher's Association held in St. Louis, Mo, by President B. F. Allen, who gave an excellent and instructive address on "Lincoln Institute as a factor in the solution of the race problem;" by vice-president Garnett who ably responded to the welcome address given by Supt. Solden and by Professor J. Silone Yates, who read a highly interesting paper on "The Equipment of the Teacher." Professor Yates was appointed Superintendent of the Normal school section for the ensuing year.

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An Important Letter.

To Editor The Freeman, Indianapolis Ind.:

Having resided in the inland metropolis quite four years, I will say it has been an extreme pleasure to peruse the pages of your paper, noting often the particular interest manifested in things of an industrial nature, such as, the waiter and stage columns are enough within themselves to cause the average Negro boy or girl to possess a high aspiration for nobler things which will eventually come to us only through persistant united labor. I leave the city to take charge of the Georgia Industrial School of Macon, Ga. I leave many friends and acquaintance with much regret, yet I realize it is my duty to go and shall strive to reflect such credit that should prove essential to such an institution. I shall often find pleasure in reading your paper weekly and will discharge my duty in keeping the same on file in the reading room that it may be used as an advertisement of your worthy work. I also wish to thank you for the assistance rendered me in entertaining Dr. W. H. Franklin and wife, principal and matron of Swift Memorial Institute, Rogersville, Tenn., while here visiting during vacation.

Ever wishing you an unerring success, I am very truly yours.

W DORONDO EDINGTON,
Principal, Georgia Industrial School,
Macon, Ga, South Ellis Street.

The Freeman is on sale in Detroit, Mich, by Jas. A. W. Hayes, 172 Brust street.

Copies of The Freeman can be found at 1230 Wylie Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

BY EDICT OF REX, THE KING,

The Big Four Route Announces Half Rates for Mardi Gras.

Round trip tickets to New Orleans, Mobile and Pensacola, Fla., will be on sale at very low rates from all points on the "Big Four" and D. & U. Ry. on February 17 to 22, 1903, inclusive. (Also on Feb. 23, for passengers arriving at destination not later than 12:00 noon on Feb 24.) Tickets will be good for return passage leaving New Orleans, Mobile or Pensacola not later than Feb. 28, 1903, and may be extended to leave those points to and including March 14, 1903, by depositing ticket at Joint Agency at destination not earlier than Feb. 18, nor later than Feb. 28, 1903, and by payment of 50 cents fee. For full information and particulars as to rates, tickets, limits, etc., call on agents "Big Four Route," or address H. M. Bronson, A. G. P. A., Indianapolis.

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I, for one, as one in the midst. My heart ached from the cruel treatment of my husband and the way he would throw away his time and money until I consulted this wonderful lady. It will soon be a year. Through her he has become a loving husband; and today he presents me with a lovely lot on which he will in the spring erect a home. Tongue can't praise her too highly.

A LADY of New Iberia, La.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17, 1902.

Madame McNairdee, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Madame.—Your letter like a ray of sunshine, came duly to hand and I am very pleased with it, for every word of it were true; I am sorry that I did not write to you months ago. I enclose $6.00 for your service, hoping that you may be successful in bringing about desired results. I feel quite sure that you can. I am very sorry to hear of your being ill, and sincerely hope your speedy recovery.

Molino, Fla., Nov. 14, 1902.

Madame:—You are the proper person in the proper place. All that you say is true and all you do is good. May God bless you.

F. J.

Guntersville, Ala., Oct. 26, 1902.

I tried Mme. McNardee and find that she is well up to her profession. She will tell things to come, and they will come as predicted. It will pay people to try her who want to know many things in the future.

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A LADY of Fort Gibson, Ind. T.

Madame.—I feel it my duty to do this for you are all you advertise. Just think my husband and I have been separated 2 years; I called on you in September and in a week's time he returned and married me, and I can't praise you too much. Ladies that are heart-broken by family troubles, love affairs and bad luck until it seem that life is a blank, call or write to this dear lady, she will do you good; she will tell you to trust God and she will do the balance, and she will. A LADY of Rossland, B. C.

Dear Sisters and Brothers—Call on her when you can, she will be please to meet you and will when ever you wish to. She devotes her entire time for the welfare of the people believing God will reward her She will make your very soul glad to hear her talk of heaven for she writes such soul searching letters, tells you how to make home happy. Please always enclose stamp for answer. Here she is as she looks today and a bride three weeks.

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BENEFITS PAID.

Total benefits paid to date: Sick Dues, $1,500,000.00; Death Benefits, $714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS.

A Fountain may be organized consisting of twenty or more persons not over fifty years of age paying a joining fee of from $4.60 to $5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than thirty-five cents in rural districts and not less than fifty cents per month in towns and cities and a semi annual tax of forty cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from $1.50 to $2.50 per week, while death benefits range from $75.00 to $125.00. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS.

For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may from a Rosebud, upon the payment of $1.00 each. This department like the Senior Fountain pays sick benefits from $1.00 to twenty-five cents per week and death benefits from $24.50 to $37.00. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

CLASSES.

Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain department take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual benefit degree. The members of this degree are devided into Circles and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

CLASS "B" TABLE

AGES.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
14 to 25	$ 2 50	$ 200 00	$ 100 00	$ 4 75	$ 1 20
25 to 30	2 75	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
30 to 35	3 00	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
35 to 40	3 25	200 00	100 00	5 70	1 43
40 to 45	3 50	140 00	70 00	5 79	1 43
45 to 50	3 75	115 00	58 00	6 65	1 66
50 to 55	4 00	90 00	45 00	6 65	1 66
55 to 60	4 25	65 00	33 00	7 60	1 90

CLASS "E" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate before 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
14 to 25	$ 5 00	$ 500 00	$ 250 00	$ 9 50	$ 2 50
25 to 30	5 25	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
30 to 35	5 50	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
35 to 40	5 75	500 00	250 00	10 40	2 60
40 to 45	6 00	450 00	225 00	10 40	2 60
45 to 50	6 25	400 00	200 00	11 40	2 85
50 to 60	6 50	350 00	175 00	11 40	2 85

CLASS "M" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 30	$ 11 00	$ 1000 00	$ 21 00	$ 5 25
30 to 35	12 00	1000 00	22 00	5 50
35 to 40	12 00	900 00	23 00	5 75
40 to 45	13 00	800 00	24 00	6 00
45 to 50	13 00	700 00	25 00	6 25

REGALIA.

The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost within the reach of all, costing from 10 cents to $350 the same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

In March 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia, a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountian United Order of True Reformers, capital stock $100,000.00. The bank commenced bussiness April 3rd, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid-up capital stock of $100,000 00. From the humble sum of $1,268.69 deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889, the deposits have grown to $350,858.00, and the volume of business transacted amounts to $6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne an ex slave of Habersham county, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of $225,221 65, situated in various States, consisting of 18 magnificent buildings used as halls 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and 3 farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it.

This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, Chief of Real Estate and Attorney for the organization, with offices at 604 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMER'S MECANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December 1899 with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this Association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail) buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and general business. The Association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodation for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3rd, 1900. It emyloys a force of eighteen men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did $50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since and have been equally as prosperous. The General Manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT

Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is $1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 12 by 62 inches. Fine job-work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is Editor and Business Manager, office 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME

In September 1893, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of the old and decrepid members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634¼ acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James" has been purchased at a cost of $14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electric Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequeaths of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Homes, offices at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

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A Paper Read....

TO THE HEAD AND SECOND WAITERS' NATIONAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCT. 14, 15, 16, 1902.

THE CULINARY ART.

The culinary art, like all other economical studies and science of to-day is undergoing a thorough change and new development, old methods and systems of conducting hotel business are fast disappearing, giving place to new ones which will meet the needs of improvements necessary to maintain place and position in a world of successful competition; and hotel men are carefully studying econonical management to meet every phase and department of their business.

The culinary department and its adjuncts come in for special attention to meet the needs of progression, new systems and mechanical labor-saving devices of every conception are installed in these departments, insuring the least waste, the best results, the best service and general satisfaction to the public.

Technical knowledge and special training are a power in the commercial world to day and command respect and assurance of adequate compensation and rapid advancement, while experience and special training are conditions of successful achievements; business men seek as a pilot, men who have had experience in their line as an economist, one who is skilled in the management of certain lines of their business. The European plan has, in many instances, revolutionized hotel keeping and has transformed many hotels from absolute failure to a successful paying basis, but the American plan hotel will always exist side by side, if not to-gether, with the European or any other system coming into prominence in the near future.

Notwithstanding the fact that million dollar hotel projects in every section of the country indicate and represent the spirit of building enterprises, as the common heritage of this progressive and prosperous day; and while the European plan has invariably followed these enterprise, you will also notice that in many instances the dual plan has been adopted; and again men who conduct the American plan hotels are equally strenuous and vigilant to protect their interest, trade and business against all such invasions and competition. The "Individual bill of fare" and the "checker" are new features and pronounced improvement as the legitimate result and reward of careful study of economics, to meet this phase of the business.

BOOKS AND TRADE JOURNALS.

The series of articles recently contributed to the "Hotel Monthly" and now in book form—entitled, "The American Colored Waiter," is the most concise, technical treatment of the subject in the minutest details yet given to the hotel public, and is worthy of high commendation. So few of the advanced students of our professions contribute literally to trade journals on techniques of service, of which so many men stand much in need, and which would prove helpful to a great number of willing anxious workers as well as add dignity to the position, that it is considered significant of their inferior place and importance in the productive world of hotel literature. This is not the case or condition in the culinary department, where the universal practice of both chefs and stewards in writings and contributions have created a world of literature unto itself, upon which many volums are published annually, and encyclopedias of cookery compiled

Such contributions and books greatly increase efficiency, bring the highest rewards, superior positions and salaries as a high attribute of merritorious work, study, preparation and qualification for the positions. The idea that salary paid is the measure of service rendered leads to the pernicious habit of the public looking upon the position of head waiter as a man of hire and of small worth, whose only purpose and service to his employer and himself is the salary. The work of him who enters upon the duties of such work with any other immediate motive than the advancement of a knowledge of the techniques of the work. will lack in thoroughness and the comprehensive elements necessary to success.

POSITION OF HEADWAITERS

The position of headwaiter is daily increasing in importance and responsibility. Much preparation and study is now necessary to cope with all the contending elements of such a position in the modern hotel; as a business, it involves much work, both mental and physical, tactful management, and a disciplinarian in the government of waiters, background with cleanliness and courteousness, it becomes a vehicle of thought, relying entirely upon individual talent for success; while aptitude and special training are very essential for the waiters

"The Hotel World" recently contained in part the following editorial upon the subject of:

A SPECIAL HOTEL EDUCATION.

"Analyze the conditions of the ordinary waiter or waitress employed today. One of the most difficult features in the conduct of the modern hotel is dining room management. It should be and may be the very simplest. Why shouldn't it be?

It is not to be supposed that the waiters in a dining room can have the training of the musicians of an orchestra; they do not need the hundredth part of that; they do not require the fractional part of the special education of an actor who essays even the simplest part in a play on the stage. But what they do need and might receive is a little special training for a few weeks and what would be the result. Good service at the lowest cost.

The old waiter may have learned bad habits and practices which he practices all his life; but the novice, the beginner, properly instructed the requisite number of times at the outset would begin right, continue right and end up right.

No one can doubt that were the waiters in some of the large catering establishments picked up as novices and properly shown how to do their work at the very beginning, a much better system of waiting would prevail to day and the hotel manager and proprietor would find the serving of food a much less serious problem than it is now. Now he frequently changes from one style of waiter to another, yet is never satisfied

It need not be added that special training for such employees would be of as great benefit to the employee as the employer."

No one acquainted with the difficulties of dining room management can fail to appreciate the logic of this fine editorial upon the subject of the needs of trained waiters of to day. The rapid change in hotel business methods and new conditions which now confront the colored waiters and threaten to exclude them as employees of the modern hotel, must needs give us much alarm and some practical method or system must be planned and adapted which will teach and aid the universal needs of the colored waiters.

WAITERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

The Association must establish and maintain a waiters' training school for the purpose of instructing and training the novice in the elementary and technicle issues of table service. This is the very contrary of my opinion two years ago, however. With such a school once opened to the public, centrally located, under good instructors, with perfect discipline and strict observance of rules and adherance to business, hotel interests would center around it and supply all needed requirements for the instruction and advancement of such an institution. They would appreciate that the novice, properly instructed here, would be of far less expense to them than those instructed in their dining room.

The industry must be protected by letter; waiters, when applying for positions, should carry recommendations, showing previous experience, disposition and character of applicant—the same as observed by all corporations and railway companies, who require letters of endorsement from the applicant when applying for employment—even for the position of a porter, which pays no better than the position of a waiter.

The Association is pledged to support, maintain and improve the conditions of the waiter's work and employment, and to protect and resist all movements tending to lower the standard or narrow their opportunity.

The colored waiters are fast receding from the proud position which they once held, and all things seem to inform against them; therefore, it behooves me to recommend the establishment of the training school. In my opinion the Association should be the staunch advocate of the graduated wage-scale, by which waiters should be paid according to their officiency, zeal and good conduct, which is shown by the quality and good results of their work. To be a good waiter is not a gift of nature, as is commonly supposed, but the result of careful study, assiduous application and training for the work.

QUALIFYING FOR POSITIONS

In the office of one of our famous humorous publications is a room known to the members of the staff as the "crucible;" it contains only one table, a chair and drawing material. The artist who seeks employment must here, in the awful silence and solitude of this sombre chamber, give evidence of possible ability—work out his own destiny. He must prove that he can draw without the aid of pictures or illustrated magazines.

I believe that such an experiment of this kind would prove valuable in the employment of waiters. A "crucible" room with chairs, six seated table, linen, silverware, glassware and completement of crockery for the service of a six course dinner; nothing more or less than required for the complete service, less the food, of course, as follows:

1. Canape, oysters on half shell.
2. Soup and fish, cucumbers.
3. Service of entree, or roast viands.
4. Service of punch and game.
5. Service of salads, etc.
6. Service of desert, etc.

I do not think that many would qualify for positions if such a rule was followed. A man cannot pass for more than he is worth, and under such an examination not many would pass for as much as they are worth.

THE WAITERS WRONGS

Much stress is laid upon the incompetency of the colored waiters without sufficient proof by trial of their capabilities.

Attention is called to the urgent need of a training school, but I do not mean to draw the inference that skill, training and long experience in the American plan service does not readily meet the requirements of the ala carte system, for one who has such training can easily handle the few articles of the guests' orders of the latter system and those written on a check with no possible chance of forgetting a single item.

Experience and study of the two systems of service has proven, beyond doubt, the a la carte to be the easier and more profitable of the two for the waiter when conducted separately, while the table de 'hote and the a la carte can be successfully operated together under the same checking system, and any number of orders divided and checked correctly, and with as much dispatch as upon one system, the task falls upon the checkers to grasp, hold and separate without delay. Each and every order is a full, wholesome appetizing portion, freshly cooked, and represents the skill of the cook in its artistic as well as its savory preparation.

Two people may be served a la carte where the space would not be sufficient to permit the placing of a single order, after removing a tray of soiled dishes from the first course, of the American plan. One good waiter can serve with ease and without delay six and eight people at one time where it would be very difficult to serve the same number properly on the American plan.

I personally knew four waiters to serve three thousand and thirty-seven people in one month serving only two meals per day, breakfast from 6:30 to 8 a m, and dinner from 5:30 to 8:15 p. m., an average of more than a hundred people per day. I do not think the same number could have been served with the same general satisfaction to all on the American plan.

Again permit me to say the open discussion and the manner the subject of colored waiters has been treated by self parading, personal articles in some of the leading trade journals, has done more prematurely to hinder their interests and progress than any other single cause. We have numerous complaints from various sources by waiters telling of the malpractice of many headwaiters who purchase waiters' supplies at wholesale prices, and by compulsion furnish them to their crews at exorbitant profits to the purchaser. In consideration of this statement it is only reasonable to suppose that every man wants interest on his investments. Banks and business institutions are content with 4 5 6 per cent. annual premiums while these supplies are sometimes made to net 25 to 35 per cent monthly, and often semimonthly payments are demanded. Of course the association cannot regulate individual customs or practices, but it must condemn it.

An occasional trip to the waiters' table to ascertain if their foods are fresh and wholesome; a visit to their quarters, inspecting the sanitary conditions, there would profit as much to the headwaiter in respect and esteem as rigid inspection of their costumes and shoes, from which large revenues are derived, while both are confessedly important and necessary.

The services of good waiters must be encouraged and treated according to their merits, for the trusted employe is one who remains long in your service, does his work well and is not continously complaining of his work, appreciating the good will and respect of his superior officers, while continuous changing of help is a waste of time, energy and money.

THE TWO PLANS COMPARED.

When a party is seated they are given bill of fare, check and pencil to select and write their order, after which it is necessary, of course, for the waiter to understand how many portions of each item are wanted, which must be written upon the left margin of the check. The waiter then proceeds to get and serve the order, as, upon any plan or system, the grilled orders receiving immediate attention to avoid delay. The average check in the better class cafes seldom exceeds eighty cents, while the minimum price charged for one portion of fish, roast beef, fowl, ham and eggs, bacon and eggs, chops, sirloin or tenderloin steaks takes the major part of the amount, which does not permit the taking of a variety of dishes, as where the party are eating against the dollar mark, and often, after finishing, they discover a party at the next table eating fruits, nuts and raisins, etc., which they have overlooked. I have said elsewhere it is the most profitable for the waiters. The "Hotel Monthly" recently contained the following about tips:

"The headwaiters' problem is difficult of solving it seems from the following (extracts from letter written by manager of small European plan hotel) that the European is so prolific of tips that erstwhile headwaiters step down to the sidewaiters' job for the 'more money' there is in it. A good man can make more as sidewaiter than as headwaiter. I had a colored man here, and he told me he would rather wait table for $25 a month than as headwaiter for $40. (Several expressions similar to the above have come to us through the mail—some from larger houses where the salary is from $60 to $75."—Editor.

The foregoing extracts indicate that a good sidewaiter can average more than fifty cents per day in tips on the European plan, while I have known good waiters in American plan family hotels not to make more than one dollar per week for several consecutive weeks.

Can any one doubt that the colored waiter (as much as any other race) would not make a supreme effort to keep his position under such favorable circumstances? No, and it is a serious wrong to believe that one skilled in the service of the American plan is incompetent for the service of the European plan; for the ignorant man as a waiter has long disappeared from the rank and file, therefore nothing should deter us from pressing forward, conscious that as long as men's necessities compel the service of his fellowman ours will not be among the least important of the occupation of men.

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Master Francis Gordon Cox is ill this week.

Miss Delilah Scott in 15th street is ill this week.

J. S. Bell of Wooldridge, Tenn., was in the city this week.

Ralph L. Williams has returned East after a visit with his mother.

Mrs. Tillie Mitchell entertained the Woman's Club Monday afternoon.

John Edlen is ill with typhoid malaria at his home, 322 W. Vermont street.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green are now making their home in St. Louis, Mo.

J. D. Howard, travelling agent for The Freeman went to New Orleans this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayman White are the happy parents of a baby born last week.

Messrs. G. W. Walker and B. F. Cooper are in the city from Buxton, Iowa.

Miss Rubena Palmer died at her residence in North California street, Tuesday evening.

Messrs. Stewart, Bingham and Steven Guy from Buxton, Iowa., are in the city among friends.

Mrs. Charles Bass has returned home after a visit with relatives in Connersville and Richmond.

Services at St. Phillips Mission every Sunday after-noon at 4 o'clock. Every one is invited to come.

Mrs. Lillian Brown entertained the Topaz Cluster yesterday afternoon at her home in Wood street.

Little Ruth, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Artie Phillips, died last week at the residence of Mrs. Belle Davis in bird street.

Mr. Edward Brewer will give a special lecture to the Sunday-school of Allen Chapel Sunday afternoon. He has many good things to tell us which we will be glad to hear.

William R Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. V. Hill, and Wirt Smith, son of John Smith, have entered college. The former goes to the State University and the latter to Purdue University.

Edward Brewer, brother of Lawyer Gurley Brewer is home after an absent of 3 years in the Philippines Island in the service of Uncle Sam. Mr. Brewer looks well and reports well.

Mr. William. Hayden 1635 Martindale avenue who died last week, had been a sufferer for some time, and his death caused somewhat a surprise as his friends anticipated an improvement. Mr. Hayden was an excellent husband and a kind father. His remains were entered in Crown Hill, funeral from Allen Chapel officiated in by Rev, Mr. Coleman.

Beginning Sunday evening, Rev. H. L. Herod will preach a series of short discourses on some Old Testament characters as follows: Sunday—"Joseph or the Triumph of Trial;" February 1—"Moses, or the Triumph of Self Forgetfulness;" 8th—"Mordical, or the Triumph of Humility;" 15th—"David, or the Triumph of Faith;" 22d—"Elijah, or the Triumph of Truth;" March 1—"Daniel, or the Triumph of Purity."

Knights of Pythias Installation.

The five lodges of Knights of Pythias held the installation of their new officers last Friday evening at Castle Hall of Pride of the West Lodge under the command of Grand Chancellor Remus Moore. George P Stewart was master of ceremonies. Colonel J. N. Ringgold, representing the Aid de-Camp of the Uniform Rank, delivered an address, which was favorably received. Other addresses on the good of the order were delivered by Past Chancellors J. N. Shelton, Dr. J. H. Ward, William Reed, B. Cerley, John D. Morris, William H. Porter, Robert Williams, Hilliard Hart, Leon Davidson, Allen Strickland and Capt. J. M. Porter. A Past Grand Chancellor's badge was presented to William H. Porter. After the installation the "Geezeeks" took charge of the affair. A call meeting of the Uniform Rank will be held next Monday to initiate fifteen new members. All members are requested to attend.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the many kind friends Sumner Lodge No, 11 and the pupils, teachers and Supervisor of school No, 40 for their sympathy and kindness during the illness and death of my husband.

MRS L. HAYDEN.

Mound City News.

Mound City, Ill., Special.—Felix Daley is convalescent. Mrs. Lucy Adams was indisposed a few days last week. Mrs. Melissa Williams of New Grand Chain, attended the funeral of her uncle, William Brown, Wednesday. Mrs. Jennie Porter of Cairo, made a brief trip to this city on the 12th. Mrs. Ida Parnell left Tuesday for Grenada, Miss., to visit relatives Charles Smiley left Tuesday on an extended trip to Hot Springs. Viola Scruggs has gone to make her home with her sister, Janie, in Chicago. Frealy Suter of Chicago, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. O. T. Judge. Mrs. J. N. Atkins has returned from Chicago. Rev. H. C. Burton spent last week with his family. Rev. A. Daniels of Carbondale, filled the Missionary Baptist pulpit Sunday. Rev. A. J. Donaldson filled the pulpit at Sparta Sunday. The Second Baptist Church is carrying on quite a successful revival meeting. Up to Sunday, there have been ten conversions. Joseph Steppes has resigned his position on the road works and accepted one at the Metal Bound Package Co. A number of citizens attended the K. of P., installation at Mounds by Sir E. H. Green of Springfield the 19th. An enjoyable time was reported. Mr. Burton and family Alabama occupies the Cummings property in Diamond street. The next pay day of the Dougherty Stave Works is Feb.7. William Brown an old citizen and soldier, was found dead in bed the 13th. The funeral occurred from the Second Baptist Church of which he was a member. Remains were intered in the National cemetery. James McLaughlin announces that he will deliver water hereafter at 20 cents per one-and-a-half barrel.

Pertinent, Pithy Pickings.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Rev. Jackson, president of Shorter University, preached two able sermons at Visitors Chapel A. M. E. church on the 11th inst, and raised near $30 for Shorter college. James Caswell, with a corps of colored waiters, took charge of the Great Northern Hotel dining room last week, which has been running with white girl waiters for the past six months. Mrs. Andrew Anderson, of Chicago, arrived here last week to join her husband. Mrs. Thomas Walker, of Indianapolis, is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Tate, in Tulip street. Late arrivals in the city are Messrs. E. Pamphlet, Memphis, Tenn.; English Marshall and Walter Willie, of Chicago, Ill.; Steve Crockett, Detroit, Mich; Arthur Hicks, Texarkana, Ark.; Taylor Whitlow and Calvin Jones, Pine Bluff Twenty-five waiters from Chicago arrived here last week to take charge of the dining room of the Eastmon hotel. The Freeman can be found on sale every Saturday at 36 Central avenue. Rev. P. W. Walls spent a few days in Little Rock last week.

Pertinent Pick-ups.

Troy, O., Special.—The Epworth League of Richards M. E. church, held their literary exercises Thursday evening. Refreshments were served after the program. Jos. Homager, of Lima, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Neva Skinner. A hay ride party to the home of Sam White, 6 miles southwest of town, was given one evening last week. Refreshments were served in abundance, and a jolly time was had. A surprise party was given Mrs. Lucinda Lyons, at her home in Elm street, Thursday evening. An entertainment, "The Frog Hollow Lyceum," will be given at Richards M. E. church by one of the clubs, on the 29th. Mrs. W. P. Gwinn, of Piqua, was a guest of Mrs. G. Skinner, in Main street, on Thursday.

A Brilliant Wedding.

Ruston, La., Special.—The Mahara minstrels filled an engagement here on the 5th inst. Mr. E. G. Maryland and Miss Minnie King were married last Sunday the 11th at the home of bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex King, Rev. John Taylor, formerly of this city spent several days here among his old friends during the Christmas holidays. Rev. Taylor is now located at Wharton, Tex. The holiday number of The Freeman was quite a treat to its many readers. Long may it live.

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